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Security stepped up after Beersheba blast injures 29

Jerusalem Post Staff
Security forces have intensified their activities over the past few days in the wake of a series of terrorist blasts in cities, the last of which wounded 29 persons in the Beersheba market place yesterday.

One person was seriously wounded in yesterday's explosion which blew up a kiosk stand in the covered market at 11:55 a.m. Havoc followed the explosion as thousands of people milled through the stands, and police who arrived on the scene within minutes tried to disperse the crowd within the cordoned-off market place.

Aluf Harel Shafir, O.C. Southern Command, arrived at the scene of the explosion about 40 minutes after the blast and was briefed by Beersheba police commander Nit-zav Avraham Malka. Shafir advised police to stop cordoning off the whole marketplace and to limit the police presence in the area.

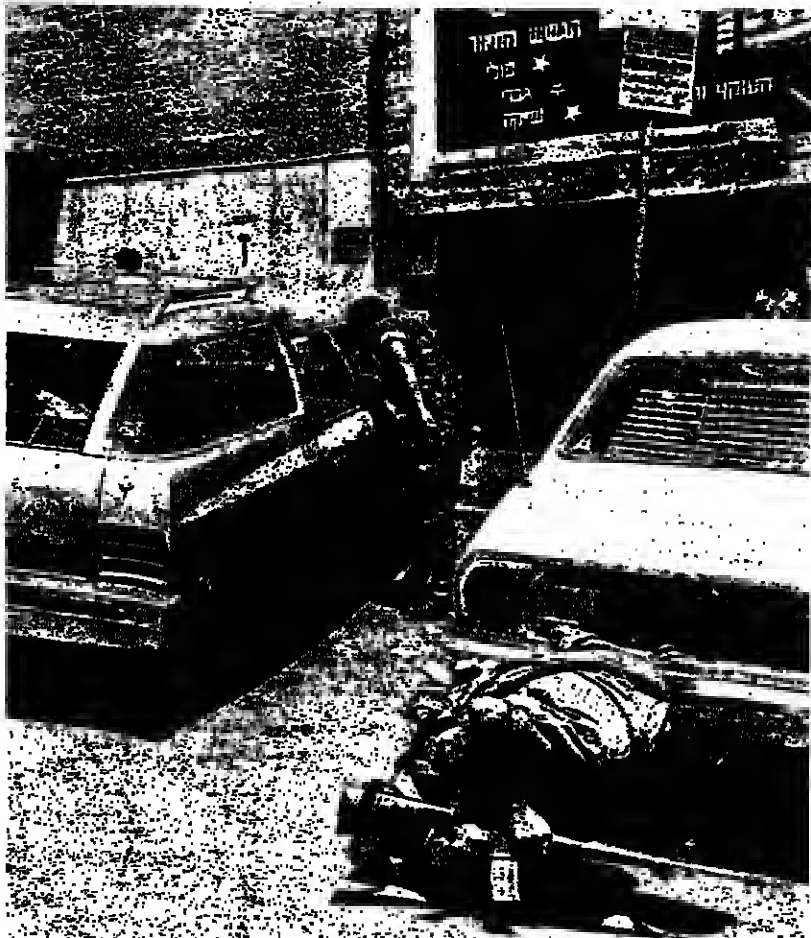
By evening, business at the market returned nearly to normal but a few groups of people were still bunched together. All the wounded persons were sent to the Soroka medical centre where by evening 24 had been released after receiving treatment. In the first rush on the ambulances minutes after the explosion, many people who suffered only from minor scratches or complained of concussion in their cars tried to climb aboard the Magen David Adom vehicles.

Plainclothes policemen who were on a routine patrol duty looking for pickpockets made the first arrests after the explosion. Several suspects were arrested and their interrogation was still under way yesterday evening. No further details were available.

After the blast police appealed to the public for increased awareness against the possibility of terrorist attacks and said police activities would be stepped up.

Officials yesterday said that the increased terror activity was not entirely unexpected, and was not above expected levels for the summer months during which many visitors from Arab countries arrive through the Jordan River bridges under the summer-visits scheme. Security forces at the bridges have been placed on the alert after the recent rash of explosions, but their task is not easy.

About 2,500 persons cross the bridges into Israel every day, and



Border policemen search around cars in Jerusalem's Rehov Hillel yesterday after a bomb scare. No explosives were found. (Sumpson)

70,000 visitors and West Bank residents who study or work in Arab states have arrived since June 1.

The officials said the explosions could be linked in some way to Prime Minister Menachem Begin's visit to the U.S. but in general tended to downplay the political significance of the terror wave.

The Jerusalem Post was told yesterday that the recent spate of explosions and sabotage are not necessarily the work of better organized and coordinated by terrorist organizations in Israel and the administered territories.

Our Jerusalem reporter adds: But independent observers expressed the opinion that the spate of terrorism is designed to reassert the Palestine Liberation Organization's presence now that the terrorist movement is being cast out as a factor in a Middle East settlement.

The observers noted that, in spite of their gravity, all recent sabotage acts involved small explosive charges. Most acts were claimed by more than one terrorist organization, leaving the PLO roof-body often wary as

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Egypt, Libya will discuss border feud

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi have agreed to a "high-level" meeting on the recent border clashes but it was not known if the rival leaders will attend personally. Arab radio stations said yesterday.

Broadcasts from Riyadh, Baghdad, Amman and Kuwait said Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmed got approval from Gaddafi and Sadat for a conference either in Kuwait or Algeria. The time and place of the meeting will be announced next week, the broadcasts said.

Cairo's semi-official newspaper "Al-Ahram" said Sadat had also agreed to a halting of the vitriolic radio and press attacks between Tripoli and Cairo from August 1, and to "stabilizing the ceasefire and eliminating differences between the two countries."

The newspaper said: "In spite of the fact that the Gaddafi regime is making accusations against Egypt and fabricating crises to the point of recruiting volunteers abroad to fight Egypt, there are indications that Cairo has responded to the appeals of Arab and African mediators... provided Gaddafi does not revert to his provocation."

Libyan radio has continued to regularly broadcast a statement that the "Libyan and Egyptian brothers will continue to work hand in hand until the tyrant and CIA stooge Sadat is dethroned." (AP)

Likud, NRP meet today on vote reform

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Likud will try to persuade the National Religious Party today to end its boycott of the coalition negotiations with the Democratic Movement for Change.

The NRP has stayed away from the talks in protest against the Likud-DMC secret negotiations on a new electoral system. The Likud had accepted the DMC demand to discuss the matter between themselves only, and the NRP fears that the proposal that most Knesset Members have elected on a regional basis, will slice through its power.

The NRP has no regional power base. In order to retain its present strength, therefore, it insists that the new system give it no fewer mandates than it would get if the proportional system were maintained.

Interior Minister Yosef Burg, NRP leader, told The Jerusalem Post last night that his party will not be "an accessory to murder or suicide." He is scheduled to discuss the problem with Prime Minister Menachem Begin this morning.

Burg is expected to try and dissuade Begin from accepting the DMC demands. Last night he noted that the two religious parties in the coalition — the NRP and Agudat Yisrael — give 16 mandates. If Poalei Agudat Yisrael joins the coalition, the religious parties will account for 17 mandates — two more than the DMC's 15.

The NRP's Aharon Ahubatzera, Religious Affairs Minister, told The Jerusalem Post that his party had asked the Likud whether the coalition agreement (which gives the NRP a veto on some aspects of the proposed reform) is still binding, and said: "We're waiting for an answer." The answer is expected this morning.

A senior Likud source told The Post that the new system should preclude a situation whereby a minority in the nation would control most of the seats in the Knesset. He noted that Begin had said at a meeting with the DMC's negotiating team yesterday that the parties must find a system which will prevent liquidating the "big" coalition parties.

Begin is expected to present these points today and ask Burg to send a representative to a committee of experts to consist of representatives of the Likud, the DMC, the NRP and Agudat Yisrael. The committee is supposed to recommend by Monday what to do with "surplus" votes cast in regions.

Begin called for a compromise between the Likud-DMC proposal to divide the country into 18 regions and the NRP's suggestion of 5-6.

One suggestion, to which the NRP may object, is that a list which does not win even one seat in a given region will lose the right to transfer its votes there to a central pool of surplus votes to be divided up among the parties.

But a DMC leader told The Post that his party does not wish the NRP to preserve its present strength.

Earlier yesterday, the DMC negotiators renewed their demand that the Health portfolio be incorporated into the Social Betterment Ministry that has been offered them.

DMC leader Yigael Yadin argued that his movement had decided to renew the coalition talks partly on the basis of the prospect that this merger of portfolios would be made.

The DMC's spokesman complained. (Continued on page 2, col. 7)

Carter admits new status for settlements not raised with Begin

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

President Carter admitted yesterday that he hadn't explicitly asked Prime Minister Menachem Begin not to legalize the three existing Judea-Samaria settlements of Ofra, Elon Moreh and Ma'ale Adumim.

Speaking on a nation-wide televised press conference, Carter said he had not talked about legalizing existing settlements in discussing settlement policy with Begin. He also said he had told Begin that U.S. public opinion would find it easier to accept the enlargement of existing Jewish settlements in Judea-Samaria than the creation of new ones.

Sounding irritated but restrained, Carter told the White House press conference that the Israel Government's decision this week to legalize the three sites had diminished peace prospects in the Middle

East. But, seeking to ease the strain in U.S.-Israel relations, he added:

"I think it's not fair to overly criticize Prime Minister Begin," the President said. "The fact is that under the previous Mapai coalition — the Labour government — settlements have been built there, a fairly large number." Carter noted that the number of people actually living in those settlements was "quite small."

The President said that Begin's policy of settlement was "not a new thing. I think it would be a mistake to overemphasize it or to exaggerate the significance of it."

U.S. officials here, who have been expressing deep disappointment in the Israeli decision, explained that the President was apparently interested in lessening the controversy somewhat so that his peace initiative would not be completely derailed.

Carter, who said that he had not received any advance warning from Begin about the decision to legalize the three settlements, once again called them illegal under international law and an obstacle to the peace process.

The President also disclosed these

other points on the settlement controversy:

• He had informed Begin that it would be easier for the U.S. to accept an increase in the population of the existing settlements (on the West Bank) than it would be to accept the establishment of new settlements.

• He let Begin know during the talks that new Israeli settlements would "cause our government deep concern." The President said that "this matter of settlements in the occupied territories has always been characterized by our government, by me and my predecessors, as an illegal action." He also said they were "obstacles to peace," but "obstacles which I believe we can overcome by the way."

• Begin did not make any Israeli commitments on the settlement issue. Carter said he had expressed his "strong hope that nothing would be done by this Israel government to establish new settlements that might exacerbate an already difficult position." He noted that Begin "listened to me very carefully," pointing out that it was a "major

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Government pleased with mild Carter stand

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

President Carter's obvious effort to moderate the tone of U.S. dissatisfaction with Israel's latest settlement decision was greeted with outpoken pleasure in Government circles here yesterday.

"The prophets of doom — on both sides of the Atlantic — have been proved wrong again," one well-placed source remarked, almost exultant.

Particularly pleasing to Premier Menachem Begin and his aides was what they saw as the President's implicit confirmation of Begin's own claim that differences with Washington would not queer his personal rapport with Carter. The U.S. President, it was noted here, had gone out of his way to urge at his

press conference yesterday that Begin should not be "overly criticized" since the settlements had actually been built by Egypt's Labour Party predecessors.

The Premier meanwhile met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Minister-Counsellor Thomas Dunigan yesterday to discuss preparations for Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's visit here in ten days time. Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan and his Director-General Ephraim Evron were also present.

There appears to be buoyant confidence in Jerusalem that the Geneva Conference will indeed reconvene in October as Begin has proposed. Officials predict that the Arab states will overcome the problem of Palestinian Arab participation — "because in the final

analysis they want to go to Geneva

and are not inextricably committed to the PLO being there."

This optimism is apparently grounded to some extent in hints already put out by Egypt that the obstacles on the road to Geneva will not be insurmountable.

Officials have welcomed Carter's firm restatement yesterday of America's refusal to contemplate PLO participation so long as that organization is bent on the destruction of Israel.

There are no signs that the PLO is considering any change in its Covenant calling for the expulsion of Israeli Jews — no conference of its leaders is scheduled in the near future. Nor are there signs that the moderate Arab states are proposing to exert pressure on the PLO in this direction.

Sharon: Settlement to be stepped up

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — It will be Government policy to expand the settlement policy of the previous Labour Party administration, Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon told the 151-member assembly of the Agriculture Centre yesterday.

Sharon, meeting with the Histadrut body for the first time since becoming minister, declared: "Settlement is not just an end in itself but a means to securing political ends, and the existing settlement programme will not only be fully carried out but expanded." (As chairman of the Ministerial Committee on Settlement, Sharon is responsible for the government's settlement policy.)

At the meeting, Agriculture Centre secretary-general Simha Assaf had called on Sharon to urge the present Government to carry out the Labour government's decision to establish 55 new settlements (some of them in the administered areas.)

Assaf had also demanded that all settlements in the administered areas be assured they will remain where they are today. Sharon, explaining that settlement on the land is not just an end in itself, emphasized that, as in the past, it remained the prime factor determining Israel's future.

"Everything must be done so that the number of people in the settlements should not just remain stable but increase, and that is why we plan not only to implement the present settlement programme but also to expand it."

Sharon also revealed that he has given orders to step up supervision over State lands, to combat the growing problem of squatting by "outsiders." "Not a day or week passes without someone seizing State land," he said.

Replying to complaints by several speakers, Sharon assured them that the government does not plan to harm the (largely Labour-affiliated) settler movements, that no one wants to harm them and that no one can.

Dayan: Settlements may bring peace

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Israel settlements in Judea and Samaria are not only not an impediment to peace but they may even help bring it about, Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan told the World Young Leadership mission of the Keren Hayesod United Israel Appeal here last night.

"Look at Jerusalem, the Gaza Strip and other places where Arabs

and Jews now live together. Terrorist acts are the work of the PLO but do not represent hostility between individual Arabs and Jews," Dayan said.

He added that for 10 years, four Israel governments had negotiated with Jordan on plans to divide the West Bank. "Since this did not work, maybe the answer is a plan under which we will live together," Dayan said.

If the Arabs suggest a plan for dividing the West Bank, "we will negotiate on it," he said. But he added: "We have been expelled from this country before, but we will not voluntarily exile ourselves."

In answer to a question, Dayan said the Ministerial Committee on Settlement, headed by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, has been authorized to set up new settlements. "We don't know on which side of the Green Line (the pre-1967 armistice line) they will be," he added.

All of the Arab countries, and most particularly Egypt, Dayan said, need peace. "I think Sadat is honest when he says he is willing to negotiate with us. You have to remember that what everybody says now are opening bargaining positions. If they simply say that they are willing to negotiate with us in Geneva, even that is a good start," the Foreign Minister said.

Somalia downs Ethiopian jets

ROME. — The Somali Republic said yesterday it had shot down three Ethiopian jets and a planeload of paratroopers over its territory in the widening war in the Horn of Africa. Hitherto, Somalia insisted its regular forces had taken no part in the conflict over possession of the Ogaden desert of Ethiopia, in spite of Ethiopian claims to the contrary.

Somali Ambassador Abdullahi Egal Nur also told a news conference that his country, long-time recipient of arms from the Soviet Union, was ready to accept an offer of military aid from the United States as long as there are no conditions to threaten its sovereignty.

Nur said three Ethiopian F-4 jets and a C-130 Hercules transport with paratroopers aboard crossed Somalia's frontier with the Ogaden — and Somali forces shot them down.

Inside the Ogaden, Somali guerrillas, claiming they had killed more than 5,000 Ethiopian government troops and destroyed scores of aircraft and tanks, yesterday thrust deep into southeast Ethiopia as bitter fighting engulfed an area the size of Uganda. The secessionist ethnic Somalis said they have captured a third major town as well as 11 more villages in the fighting, which broke out two months ago.

The Somali guerrilla movement claimed to have "annihilated" a big Ethiopian paratroop force in a battle for the strategic town of Dughur in Ethiopia's Harar province.

The Liberation Front claimed townships captured, or battles in progress, from one end to the other of a huge, triangular wedge of territory bounded north and south by Somalia and the mountains of the

Ethiopian heartland to the west.

It said 810 Ethiopian troops were killed in Bale province. Eight Ethiopian tanks had been knocked out.

The Ethiopians broke the news on Wednesday that fighting had spread from Harar to Bale. Their official Ethiopian News Agency said government forces had wiped out "a large number of infiltrating Somali government forces."

Ethiopia says the Somali Republic has thrown regular troops into the Ogaden fighting. It rejects the Somali contention that the fighting is a "liberation war."

The Ethiopians said they shot down two more Somali warplanes near Kebrri Dehar, bringing to seven the number of aircraft Addis Ababa claimed destroying in the last few days. (AP, UPI, Reuters)

Phone and mail rates to rise

Local telephone calls will cost subscribers 55 agorot (instead of 43) — but telephone tokens will remain at 50 agorot — in a series of rises in telephone and postal charges approved yesterday by the Knesset Finance Committee. The changes are to take effect within two weeks, with the exact date to be announced by the Communications Ministry.

Under the committee's decision, use of a direct line in the country's three main cities will cost IL48 a month instead of IL38, and elsewhere IL31 instead of IL25 (to which Defence Levy and Value Added Tax should be added.) But the telephone installation fee will remain IL1,500.

Domestic letters will now require 65 agorot worth of stamps instead of

50; a registered letter will be IL2.50 instead of IL2.10, and an express letter IL4.50 instead of IL3.25. Postcards will cost 55 agorot instead of 45, and packages of up to three kilos will cost IL4 instead of IL3.50.

Communications Ministry director-general Moshe Gidron, explaining the need for the rises to the committee, said they were due to the inflation since the last rises in April 1976. He said they would not cover the inflationary gap, and would still leave a IL200m. deficit in the ministry's budget for the current fiscal year. This would have to be covered from its development budget funds.

Describing the work of the ministry in the past year, Gidron said it had doubled the number of telephone lines in the north and increased those in the Negev and south by 50 per cent.

Coffee prices down

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Public Prices Committee decided yesterday to reduce the price of roasted coffee by between 10 and 20 per cent following the fall in coffee prices on world markets.

The tendency is to remove controls on the prices of roasted coffee, as there are more than 100 producers in the country and competition among themselves will bring prices down.

The committee did not reduce the price of instant coffee.

Carter halts sale of planes to Iran

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — President Carter, bowing to a stinging rebuff by a congressional committee, yesterday temporarily withdrew his plan to sell seven sophisticated radar planes to Iran.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Hon. Raymond J. Perrault, Leader of the Government in the Canadian Senate, and Mrs. Perrault yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute of Science and were the luncheon guests of its President and Mrs. Michael Sela. The Perraults also met Professors Givrol Goldring and David Lavie.

An Oneg Shabbat in English will be held at 9 p.m. tonight, at Ihud Shivat Zion, 86 Rehov Ben-Yehuda. Tel Aviv. Tourists are invited to meet Israel Tsalit, editor and writer, and others.

Birth

CHISSICK — To Naomi and Kim Chissick, on Wednesday, July 20, in London, a son, Uri, brother to Danny, Ruth and Eil.

ARRIVALS

Yosel Malovey, cantor of the Fifth Avenue Synagogue in New York's Manhattan, for a series of performances.

Free legal advice for ecological complaints

The Council for a Beautiful Israel will provide free legal advice to people wishing to protest against ecological blights. Advice will be given on written application to any of the council's branches, or on telephoning to the council's legal-advice bureau, 03-226076, Sundays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., and Wednesdays between 3 and 6 p.m.

CARTER: 'OBSTACLE TO PEACE'

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political issue in Israel."

• Begin did not give Carter any prior notice that Israel was "going to recognize the legality of the settlements involved."

• He did not raise with Begin the question of extending legal status to already existing settlements. "I hate to admit it," Carter said, but "I did not think about raising the subject about recognizing the legality of those settlements. The item that I wanted to discuss with him... was the establishment of new settlements."

Carter seemed to be calling on Begin yesterday to recognize U.S. interests and to put a freeze on new settlements. "We feel that any restraint that Prime Minister Begin might want to exert upon this subject would certainly be contributory to peace," Carter said. "I think that his voice would be honoured by the Israeli people."

But the President acknowledged that Begin has to consider his "campaign commitments." During his election campaign, Begin had called

Kollek calls for mutual tolerance in Capital

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday asked Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzra to help restore the atmosphere of tolerance between Orthodox and other Jews in Jerusalem.

Kollek told the minister during a tour of the city that this tolerance had been strained of late by Orthodox elements. He cited as examples the objections in Bayit Vegan to the use by non-Orthodox children of a former yeshiva building, and objections by Orthodox residents in Kiryat Hayovel to the use of a community-centre swimming pool on Saturdays because a synagogue is also situated in the centre.

Abuhatzra said he supported Kollek's objective of mutual tolerance, which he said had contributed to the tranquillity of united Jerusalem.

The minister and his aides were shown the Maronite monastery com-

pound in the Old City, which is being repaired with the assistance of Prazot, the government-municipality company which carries out rehabilitation projects. In the restored church was a handsome altar with a carved Cedar of Lebanon indicating the land where the Maronites are concentrated.

At Neve Ya'acov the party visited a new type of domed concrete synagogue and were told by residents that it was subject to a disturbing echo. The municipality has announced plans to build 16 such synagogues during the next two years, but Kollek said they would not be built unless the echo problem is solved.

Kollek strongly urged Abuhatzra to undertake the reconstruction of the Western Wall plaza area. The minister said he would set up a committee, composed of religious authorities, architects, historians and others, to study the matter. (A similar committee was set up under the previous government.)

CRIME REPORT

RAT POISON was the "white powder" which a Kiryat Shalom widow used to poison her husband six months ago, police yesterday told a magistrate's court judge who remanded the widow — whose name has been banned from publication — for an additional 14 days. The results of the autopsy will only be ready in another two weeks. Yesterday's charge was based, the widow's attorney said, on allegations of the woman's neighbour, who reported that the woman had said she needed the poison to destroy a "large rat."

THE BOUTIQUE fire in Givatayim two weeks ago and subsequent police investigations led yesterday to the remand of Shabtai Cohen, 34, for 15 days on suspicion of planning the arson. Police told the judge they have information that Avraham Avni, the owner of the boutique, who is in a police lock-up, had moved a large part of his stock to Cohen's clothing store in Jerusalem before the fire was set off by allegedly hired arsonists.

A HAIFA GIRL, who knocked on a door and asked for a glass of water was yesterday brought before a magistrate's court judge on suspicion of stealing a tape-recorder while the maid went to the kitchen to fetch the water. The girl, Tzipora Daraz, was released on IL1,000 bail.

WARDERS AT SHATTA prison found eight "fingers" of hashish and a bag of pills stuffed into a fresh loaf of bread while patrolling the jail's perimeter early yesterday morning.

THE MAN REGISTERED as owner of the Ilim-worth of smuggled goods caught last week at Ben-Gurion airport, Zachar Semyonov, was remanded yesterday for 15 days by a Tel Aviv magistrate's court judge on suspicion of complicity in a million-pound smuggling operation. He is the third man to be remanded in the case.

A BNEI BRAK resident, Nahman Bitrit, 51, was remanded yesterday for 15 days by order of a Tel Aviv magistrate's court judge on suspicion of large-scale illegal dealings in foreign currency. Police told the judge that Bitrit allegedly bought pensioners' cheques from abroad and had them cashed in foreign banks.

A 71-YEAR-OLD man was arrested by Tel Aviv police yesterday on suspicion of foreign-currency dealings. Police said they caught the man in Lillienblum street after he had tossed a package containing \$10,000 into a deserted yard when he saw police were trailing him.



Natan Bar-Ilan, the 10-year boy who discovered a suspect placing a bomb in Tel Aviv's Carmel market on Wednesday, was taken on a triumphal tour through the stalls on the shoulders of an admirer. (Avi Ben-Glat)

SECURITY STEPPED UP

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to the real culprit.

An unidentified group of terrorists in Lebanon claimed yesterday that the explosion in Beersheba and Wednesday's explosions in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem had been carried out by a "special group operating within the occupied homeland."

The main body of the PLO has been making desperate attempts to penetrate into Israel and the administered territories. In recent weeks, amid its military and political decline in neighbouring Arab countries. According to observers, the PLO recently agreed to a settlement in Lebanon with the aim of stepping up terrorist activities which may include assaults abroad.

Police and security forces, fearing that the recent explosions are not the end of the terror wave, yesterday indicated several ways to cut down casualties besides preventive measures to discover the bombs before they explode.

The 11 persons wounded at the Carmel Market on Wednesday could have escaped unhurt had there been a bomb-disposal pit nearby, a police spokesman said yesterday.

The police, who have increased their patrols and tightened security checks as a result of the recent wave of bombings, also plan to have a series of bomb-disposal pits built in the market area.

Another reason for the relatively large number of victims in this Carmel Market blast was the unwillingness of the crowd to obey instructions to keep back. Police Inspector-General Haim Tavori said yesterday.

Speaking on Israeli Radio, Tavori said that the police were prepared for such terror attempts, but needed the cooperation of the public. He said that the police were unwilling to take legal action against curious onlookers who crowded around the scene of a tragedy.

Generally the police were unwilling

ing to comment as to what measures, other than routine or special searches, were being taken to prevent further terror attempts. However, one police official did issue an assurance that the police were not just sitting back passively, but were investigating the sources of terror activities.

The police also repeated their requests to the public to be on the alert for suspicious objects. But they noted that in any case following terror attacks the public tended to be on the lookout.

The public's awareness, necessary as it is, sometimes makes policemen search for non-existent bombs. Jerusalem police combed Rehov Hillel in vain yesterday while members of the force in Tel Aviv got two anonymous phone calls saying that bombs had been planted near the central bus station. The Tel Aviv police also found no explosives in the bustling area.

One alert boy who found a bomb and the man suspected of trying to place it underneath a stall in the Carmel Market, 10-year-old Natan Bar-Ilan, was honoured by the police yesterday in a brief ceremony at the Yarkon precinct station on Rehov Harekevet.

Nitzav-Mishas Moshe Bar-Elim presented the youngster with a police album, a letter of commendation and a medal. The boy's father owns a store on Rehov Carmel where the explosion occurred.

Security forces were last night still interrogating the suspect whom the boy caught allegedly trying to dispose of the bomb. Police released some 20 other suspects who were rounded up in the market after the blast.

Two of the 11 persons wounded in the blast were still in the Ichilov Hospital yesterday. The other nine persons were sent home after treatment. Yitzhak Oyadia, 22, is in the intensive-care unit after suffering injuries in his jaw and Michael Lubin of Holon is being treated in the orthopaedic department for a broken hand and four broken ribs.

No break in S. Lebanon shooting

By YORAM HAMDEH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — Sporadic exchanges of fire between terrorists and Lebanese forces continued throughout southern Lebanon yesterday, with both sides using tanks, mortars and machine-guns.

The firing was somewhat lighter than it has been in recent days, but Lebanese villagers arriving at the "Good Fence" station near here told *The Jerusalem Post* that the terrorists had concentrated their attacks mainly on the village of Alma-e-Sha'ab, near Kibbutz Hanita, and the Druse villages of el-Meri, in Faishland.

A Lebanese officer said the terrorists had stepped up their propaganda campaign and were trying to deceive inhabitants of the enclave villages by promising them that they would reopen the road to the north. He also said that the terrorists had released a small boy kidnapped from Kila village two days ago, in return for five of their own men held by the Lebanese.

Hundreds of sightseers, mainly Israeli vacationers, converged on the Good Fence yesterday. While many managed to get through to the fence, others were turned away. They said they had heard on the radio and read in one of the papers that permits are freely available from Metulla's hotels. *The Post* learned that this is not true, and official permits are still required in order to enter the area — the permits issued by the hotels at present being restricted to their own guests.

The authorities are, however, considering a scheme to avoid confusion in the future by issuing extra permits to the hotels and to the Metulla local council. These would be available to anyone.

THE NATIONAL Multiple Sclerosis Society in the U.S. has awarded a one-year senior post-doctoral fellowship grant of \$11,720 to Dr. Oded Abramsky of the Hadassah-Hebrew University Medical Centre.

Three Israelis killed in crash off West Africa

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Military Correspondent

Three Israelis were killed on Monday when the light plane they were flying from Lagos to London crashed off the Ivory Coast. The three — two pilots and a mechanic — were killed instantly when their plane hit the sea, just off Abidjan.

The three dead are Yitzhak Peled, 27, who was in active service with the Air Force until a few weeks ago; Ephraim Bar-Erez, 36, chief pilot for Kanaf-Arkia, who recently made headlines when the light plane he was flying to Israel crashed into the Mediterranean; and Shimon Harouzi, 35, a flight mechanic. Peled's father is OC Armoured Corps Aluf Moshe Peled.

According to reports reaching Israel from the Ivory Coast, the plane crashed early on Monday evening in bad weather. The pilot apparently asked permission to make an emergency landing in Abidjan. After making one unsuccessful attempt, the pilot skinned the runway and sent his plane to the sea. On the second attempt his plane hit

the sea, in a shower of fragments. Yesterday, Ivory Coast authorities were still looking for one of the three bodies. Authorities yesterday were vague about the circumstances surrounding the crash, but it is understood that the three were delivering a light executive jet, purchased from the Nigerian government by an Israeli citizen living in London.

Israel has asked Belgium, which represents it in the Ivory Coast, to make the speediest possible arrangements to have the bodies brought back to Israel. The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem has instructed the Israel embassy in Brussels to take up the matter with the Belgian government immediately.

The ministry was informed of the affair only on Wednesday night in a cable from the embassy in London, where the plane's owner lives. The resident Israeli "interests officer" at the Belgian embassy in Abidjan has been away on vacation this week, but he has now been instructed to return to his post at once.

Histadrut opposes proposed compulsory arbitration law

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Histadrut circles expressed vehement opposition yesterday to the proposed compulsory arbitration law after receiving a memorandum from the Ministry of Labour detailing the law.

The proposed law would encompass both public and private organizations in the fields of defence, health, transportation, air and sea transport (including airports and seaports), telephone and telecommunication with this outside world, water and electricity, and banking and distribution of bread, among others.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yerubam Meisel said that labour relations in many of these fields are excellent. Experience in other countries has shown that compulsory arbitration causes deterioration in labour relations, he said. Further-

more, "true negotiations" between labour and management were thwarted by such a law.

Under the proposed law, an arbitrator, who would have judicial power, could issue an injunction forbidding workers from striking or otherwise disrupting work.

Yair Taaban of Shelli demanded that the Histadrut executive committee meet at once to discuss the proposed law. But Meisel said the matter would be brought before the central and executive committees only after a select committee appointed yesterday meets with trade unions and works committees affected by the law.

Members of the select committee include Gideon Ben-Yisrael (chairman), Uriel Abrahamowicz (head of the trade union department), Histadrut treasurer Yisrael Kessar, Nava Arad (secretary-elect of Na'amat) and other leaders.

South African bowlers win four events against Israel

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter

CAESAREA — The South African Junior Springboks bowlers team won all four events here yesterday in the first of its three international matches against Israel.

The powerful touring side for the Test series includes current South African singles champion Dennis Rayfield and his four teammates who are all among their country's top 40 bowlers. The series continues at the Ramat Gan green today, starting at 9.45 a.m.

The visitors yesterday were most extended in the singles, when Western Province champion Alan Johnson took three wickets to edge out Israel's leading bowler Mait Gordon 21-17 in a splendid contest.

In the other three events, the South Africans scored more comfortable victories, though in all instances the

hosts put up stout resistance to their more experienced opponents.

In the pairs, Harry Lambert and Graham Jones defeated Gideon Ben-Yisrael and Yisrael Kessar 28-10. Rayfield shipped the Springboks in the triples, when his teammates were Tony Holtz and Johnson. The three best bowlers — Max Weisbrod, Yehuda Lebel and Abe Levy 20-9.

The South African foursquad, of Lambert, Rayfield, Holtz and Jones came through 20-10 against Weisbrod, Lebel, Skudowitz and Levy in the links. The visitor's team manager is Julius Seryag and his opposite number is Aubrey Berman.

Umpire yesterday was Cecil Giffen. The series, which is being organised by the Israel Bowls Association and has been given official "Test" status by the 23-nation International Bowls Board, ends tomorrow with a match at Savyon, also starting at 9.45 a.m.

Labour opposes Bir'im, Ikrit return

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV — The Labour Party's central committee yesterday voted by 142 to 58 to oppose any government decision permitting the Arab residents of Bir'im and Ikrit to return to their villages vacated at the request of Israel Defence Forces officers in 1948.

But Mapam, Labour's partner in the Alignment, decided in favour of the villagers' return.

Labour Chairman Shimon Peres and former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin voted with the majority. Former Foreign Minister Yigal Allon sided with the minority.

In yesterday's debate, Shimon Kadoosh, the chairman of the Merom Hagall regional council, argued that Bir'im and Ikrit villagers will, if allowed to return, later demand their former lands, now being farmed by Jewish villagers. He warned that they also set a precedent for other Arabs who left their homes during the War of Liberation, he said.

Former Agriculture Minister Haim Gvati said that permission to return will not stop the Arabs from feeling they've been wronged. "They will rebuild their homes and every day will see through the window other people tilling their lands. Do you think this will help them forget the injustice and the discrimination?" he asked.

MK Yossi Sarid argued that the government had promised to allow the villagers to return and must honour its pledge.

LIKUD — NRP

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ed after the meeting that the Likud had "backed down" on an undertaking on this point. During the clarification talks, Begin had said that the Likud's position would be incorporated into the Social Restoration Ministry, he said. Likud's Zalmán Shoval countered that Begin had said changes in portfolios were possible only if the incumbent minister agrees.

Yadin also demanded the Industry, Commerce and Tourism Ministry for his party. His colleague, Knesset Member Stef Wertheimer, said that just as Begin had chosen Moshe Dayan for foreign minister because he thought Dayan was the best man for the job, so must be dealt similarly with the ICT portfolio. MK Zalmán Shoval (Likud-La'am) retorted that no one was better suited for the job than the incumbent minister, (his La'am comrade) Yigael Hurvitz. He said Hurvitz and La'am had no intention of relinquishing this portfolio.

Tel Aviv lifeguards still threaten strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — The threat that there will be no lifeguards tomorrow to protect the many thousands of bathers on Tel Aviv beaches loomed large yesterday. Attempts to bring an end to the dispute failed. Another meeting with the lifeguards is scheduled this morning. The lifeguards have threatened to take tomorrow off en masse as part of their dispute with a retired lifeguard who runs surfboards on the Atarim beach.

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Toughs terrorize olim in Katamon hostel

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The 50 olim families living in Jerusalem's Katamon Tet immigrant hostel are learning about the "social gap" the hard way. Bands of neighbourhood teenagers use the entrances and stairwells as their "hangout," making many of the elderly or women residents afraid to venture out of their flats at night. In spite of the alleged violence, thievery and disturbances, most of the olim feel sorry for the youngsters and insist that "something" must be done to keep them occupied.

Established by the Jewish Agency nine years ago as an absorption centre, the four red-brick blocks of three-room flats on Bar-Yohai Street were, until the Yom Kippur War, humming with people and activity. With ulpan classes, clubs and close ties among the residents, thousands of olim look back on their stay at Katamon Tet with fond memories.

"It all changed since the war," recalls David Attias, the Moroccan-born Agency employee who calls himself the hostel's "afternoon bodyguard." Attias from the Western countries decreased, and the ulpan was shut down. Sensing the vulnerability of the older and less vigorous olim who were sent there, the neighbourhood boys flocked to the place.

"They bang on the doors all night, smash bottles, saw metal banisters off and cart them away. Fuses are stolen. The boys, some of them armed with razor blades, refuse to go away," reports an American osh.

"It's not exactly the best reception for a newcomer."

The hostel's director regularly instructs residents not to leave valuable property in their flats. A couple from South Africa who spent last Pessah with relatives out of town returned to find diamond jewellery stolen.

"A few olim were beaten up six weeks ago. I wouldn't like my wife to walk around here at night," says Gregory Wooten, a 35-year-old osh from Maryland. "We catch the boys throwing stones at our windows."

Two hired guards of the Modlin Eshkol firm patrol the hostel at night, but most residents agree that even having a dozen wouldn't solve the problem. "The police have come many times, but they've given up," says a member of the Amik family, who arrived in Israel a year ago. "When the police come, the kids run, and they can't do anything unless they catch them in the act. Many of the kids are too young to be punished anyway."

Although the olim are distressed, they do not blame the boys. "They come from problem families, many of them without two parents. They leave school after the ninth grade, if not earlier, and can't find — or don't want to find — jobs," said another osh.

Often, the boys are "normal," notes another. "But, suddenly, they are hit by some insanity and run loose, cursing and breaking things. If they remain alone and separate, with no gang leader telling them what to do, they're all right."

"We have nothing to do," says Yossi, a 15-year-old who sits regularly in one stairwell. Other neighbourhood boys said that the Kagan centre nearby has been taken over by a gang of "criminals" who "beat us up and don't let us in."

"I feel sorry for the kids," said Wooten. "They are not bad. We olim will eventually leave here. The kids will remain here their whole lives. A little investment of money could build a club for them and keep them busy."

Yirmiyahu Eshkol, director of absorption services at the Jewish Agency, told *The Jerusalem Post* he was aware of complaints by the



Neighbourhood youngsters "hanging out" in Jerusalem's Katamon Tet immigrant hostel threw a chair at photographer Eli Herskovitz yesterday when he took this shot. The also broke his car window with a rock. Olim who live in the centre complain that the boys are terrorizing them. (Shmuel)

hostel's residents and would investigate whether different guards should be hired. The unavailability of the neighbourhood, he said, was the reason why the Agency has decided to close down the Katamon Tet hostel and establish a new absorption centre in Gilo (in southeastern Jerusalem).

But the families in the Katamon Tet hostel will not move to Gilo. All are waiting for flats, some of them

for two years or more. Although some olim are holding out for apartments in a certain place or for a roomier size than those provided to the Absorption Ministry by the Construction and Housing Ministry, most are eager to get out.

Meanwhile, the "battle" between recent olim and the children and grandchildren of olim of two or three decades ago continues in Katamon Tet.

Yaron London's interviews 'satisfy' most TV viewers



YARON LONDON

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A public opinion survey has refuted recent claims that TV viewers are weary of the controversial interview show "Alot Kotoretz" (Behind the Headlines) and dissatisfied with its host, Yaron London.

The poll, conducted for the Broadcasting Authority by the Israel Institute for Applied Social Research and the Communications Institute of the Hebrew University, was based on interviews during the second week of July, shortly after the show was increased from one broadcast a week to three and scheduled at a later hour (10:50 p.m.).

One fourth of the TV viewers interviewed said they had watched each of the four previous "Alot Kotoretz" programmes. Seventy-five per cent had seen at least one of them. More than a third were pleased with the three-weekly broadcast, but 33 per cent preferred that it return to its once-weekly schedule. Although more than half of the viewers said it should be aired earlier, the shift from 9:30 p.m. to 10:50 p.m. caused only a two per cent drop in audience.

Sixty-seven per cent of those polled asserted that they were "very

satisfied" or "satisfied" with London as host. Thus, they did not agree with Authority board of directors members Eli Tavin (Herut) and Arye Ben-Tov (Independent Liberals), who argued this month that London should be replaced since he "makes his own leftist views obvious" on the show and "selects guests according to his own political bias." Another board member, Yitzhak Mor (National Religious), said that allowing London to appear three times a week gives him 10 per cent of all Hebrew airtime and a "dangerous monopoly."

London himself told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that he was "thrilled" with the results of the poll, although admittedly "very surprised, since we had nearly started to believe all the criticism thrown at us."

Anyone still contending that the show is boring or unsuitable for airing at a late hour, London said, has no defence now. "Neither can anyone argue that viewers are angry because the host allegedly uses the show as a forum for extremist views."

"Alot Kotoretz" costs about IL25,000 per 55-minute programme, compared to IL250,000 or more for a locally made documentary.

Patt: Couples will get bigger flats, mortgages

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Young married couples will soon be able to get both bigger flats and bigger mortgages, Gideon Patt, Minister of Construction and Housing, told a special meeting of the Federation of Contractors and Builders yesterday.

"I see no reason why a young couple should be restricted to a flat of 72 sq.m. if they wish to obtain a mortgage from the authorities," he said. "If they have the money, let them buy bigger flats and we'll change the law so that the mortgage will also be larger."

At present, young married couples can expect no government help if their 72 sq.m. flat costs more than IL300,000 (IL280,000 in Jerusalem). The top mortgage today for young couples is from IL40,000 to IL80,000.

Patt, who is highly critical of the Israel Lands Authority, "I don't accept the idea that this land belongs for ever and ever to the government, and that anybody who lives on such land can never sever the umbilical cord with the government or the authorities."

He said he had proposed to Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon —

"who expressed his agreement" — that the State Lands Administration turn over to Patt's ministry plots of land "on which we will build flats."

Patt admitted this would require prior legislative action.

Earlier, Isaac Oren, chairman of the Tel Aviv branch of the Federation of Contractors and Builders, said that the price of land for building had risen by 400 to 600 per cent from 1968 to 1973 — while the cost-of-living index had risen by only 70 per cent. He said: "Where was the Lands Administration, which owns 90 per cent of the land in Israel? I'll tell you where. The authority set the pace for the land speculators when it came to private building. Instead of selling land at controlled prices and thus stopping the mad upward rush of prices, the Lands Administration let it go."

Oren warned that Israel "would soon face another building boom, and if building plots were not provided at reasonable prices, the speculators would again run wild."

Patt also favoured setting up "building loan societies," banks that specialise in financing the construction of flats and homes.

Police questioning recipients of Flatto-Sharon cheques

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police yesterday confirmed that they had examined a bank account of Samuel Flatto-Sharon MK and were now questioning "a large number" of people who had received cheques from the newly-elected Knesset Member.

The police investigation is the result of allegations by MK Shulamit Aloni that Flatto-Sharon had bought votes during his election campaign. The police would not specify yesterday exactly who was being questioned, or whether the cheque recipients were voters or those who controlled blocks of votes.

However, they did say that they

expected the investigation, by a special team at national police headquarters, to be completed within two to three weeks.

Meanwhile, Flatto-Sharon yesterday filed a IL500,000 libel suit in the Tel Aviv District Court against former wrestling champion Rafael Halperin. Halperin, he contends, had tried to create the impression that he possessed information concerning illegality committed by Flatto-Sharon, or by people in his pay, during last spring's election campaign.

Halperin, who has not yet submitted a defence brief, is himself suing Flatto-Sharon for IL250,000 for calling him "crazy."

Air Force officers may seek demotion

Post Military Correspondent

Several technical officers in the Air Force are considering giving up their commissions and asking to be made senior non-commissioned officers.

A group of them told *The Jerusalem Post* that had they remained NCO's, they would now have a better chance of promotion and working conditions thanks to the action of the new rank of warrant officer. A warrant officer, they noted, has the same conditions as a sergeant (lieutenant-colonel), including a car and driver.

They contend that before they reach the rank of sergeant they will have to spend decades in uniform as technical officers. Had they remained NCO's, they said, they would have reached the same level of salary and perquisites many years earlier.

MDA out for Knesset's blood

Jerusalem Post Reporter

JERUSALEM. — Blood will flow in the Knesset next Monday — into sterile plastic bags of Magen David Adom (MDA).

MDA reported yesterday that agreement to hold a blood-donation campaign among Knesset Members and officials and workers in the building, had come from Health Minister Eliezer Shostak.

Advice for Beduin

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A mobile citizen's advice bureau will soon serve two Beduin tent camps and two permanent Beduin settlements in the south.

The bureau will be operated by a Beduin girl, Sarah Ibn-Faraj, who is receiving special training for the work.

The purpose of the bureau and the 54 others operated by welfare authorities is to acquaint citizens around the country with their rights and to help them deal with government agencies and organizations.

Protest by parents of blind children: 'Only banging on tables works'

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Parents of blind children shouted at officials and vociferously demanded their rights during a meeting called by the Social Welfare Ministry to tell them of existing "services." One parent said: "We didn't come to watch the officials pat themselves on the back."

The parents wanted answers to the concrete problems they face:

"Why can't we get an exemption from taxes on cars? And when, for lack of a car, we take our children to school or to the doctor by taxi or bus, why do we have to bang on tables to get back part of the cost?" one parent asked.

"Why aren't there enough tutors to visit the homes of blind children, particularly in outlying areas? Why aren't periodic eye examinations arranged so that the parents will know that no opportunity for improvement is being missed?" he wanted to know.

Yehuda Sokolik, director of the Service for the Blind, opened the meeting with a survey of available services: physical and psychological, counselling for the parent and child, tutoring both in school subjects and in special skills related to blindness (such as braille and touch-typing), vocational guidance for blind teenagers, help in covering expenses related to blindness, etc.

Dr. Anat Kalir of the Health Ministry was asked why eye doctors and hospitals don't tell parents where to go to get services. Some parents felt doctors' errors had caused their children's blindness and complained that nobody listened to their contentions.

"Why did most of us have to discover our children's blindness ourselves? Why didn't the doctors know and tell us?"

"It's very good that you were able to discover it," Dr.

Kalir replied. "It's one of the signs of a developed country when parents are intelligently concerned about their children's health." This almost caused a riot. Though there were only about 50 parents in the room, the shouting sounded like several hundred.

Sokolik, while trying to answer the parents' complaints and questions, mentioned in passing that one particular mother in the audience had received "10 times" more than many of the others because she knew how to make noise.

"But I didn't get anything that wasn't coming to me by law," she shouted. "What's more, I didn't take the money and buy myself jewellery with it."

"You don't have to apologize," another parent said. "Why don't you get up on the platform and tell us all how you did it so we can do the same? The answers the officials give aren't answers."

Sokolik said: "Our services are better than those in South Africa or in some of the European countries. And they have more money than we do."

"That doesn't help my child," a parent shouted.

Sokolik told the parents that though he certainly does not recommend "banging on tables" or violence, he does think it would help if the parents would get together and exert pressure, together with the Service for the Blind, on those who control the purse strings. "As a representative of the government, I shouldn't be giving you this advice," he said. "But I'll give it to you anyway."

The parents, frustrated that the four-hour meeting (like several before it) did not solve their problems, decided to try this approach. However, the meeting broke up without the holding of elections to the new committee. A few of the parents said they would work to organize a permanent committee to press for better services.

Railway cools hot-coach problem

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Israel Railways has spent IL15,000 on each of its eight British-made "luxury coaches" to adapt them to Israel summer conditions with better ventilation through a more powerful compressed air system and more windows that open.

The improvements will be completed on all the coaches within a fortnight, the Railways' deputy-general manager for technical affairs, Yitzhak Ben-Dan, told a press conference on board one of the improved coaches, on the Haifa-Tel Aviv line yesterday.

Reporters agreed that the trip in the comfortably outfitted 62-seat coaches was pleasant, and much more stable and quieter than in the ordinary coaches. The railway management is now considering the possibility of installing air-conditioning in the coaches, Ben-Dan said.

The coaches were bought from the British Railways workshop earlier this year, at a cost of IL800,000 each, and put into service on the Haifa-Tel Aviv route in May. A seat on the new coaches costs an extra IL5.

Even with air-conditioning, the new coaches could not officially be "first class." The railway carries

passengers in three different types of coaches but the management maintains that there is one standard fare with "surcharges" for travel on reserved seats or on the new coaches.

Since Israel Railways started to function in 1948, successive transport ministers refused to allow it to introduce two-class travel, on the grounds that this was not commensurate with Israel's egalitarian ideals. In the late 1950s a compromise was reached whereby the railways could collect a small extra charge for "reserved seats" in rather more comfortable coaches bought to renew the aging rolling stock.

With the introduction of the British coaches there are in effect three prices and degrees of comfort on the Tel Aviv-Haifa line.

For IL13 you can go any way in an "ordinary" coach, for IL15 you can get a slightly better and reserved seat in the now aging reserved-seat coaches, and for IL16 you can get a really good seat, with a table to do paper work, read, eat and drink in the luxury coaches.

Passengers seemed to like paying the surcharge for the luxury coaches when the service was first introduced.

But when the summer heat set on in earnest the ventilation was found stilling inadequate, because the windows were fixed to prevent injury from cinders at the 160 km.p.h. speed the coaches were designed for. There was a marked drop in the number of passengers willing to pay for hot "comfort" and the management decided on improvements to fit the coaches for the Israel climate.

Ben-Dan said that, in addition to the improved ventilation, extra locks had been fitted and stairs added to the entrance doors for easier alighting and boarding.

The number of passengers using the coaches — which have upholstered seats arranged in sets of four around small tables — is increasing again, Ben-Dan said. Since the new summer timetable was introduced last month, the Haifa-Tel Aviv route has convenient departure times, on the hour from Tel Aviv and on the half hour from Haifa — another boon for travellers.

Ben-Dan said in answer to questions that the coaches had all the built-in provisions for air conditioning. The management was now exploring the possibility of installing air conditioning units, which was mainly a technical problem of supplying sufficient power from the locomotives.

Grants for needy children at start of school year

The Social Welfare Ministry will give children from needy families grants at the start of the school year to help their parents cope with the expense of books, equipment and uniforms, the ministry spokesman said yesterday.

Parents must apply to their local information offices to receive the grant. Children from families under the following categories are eligible for the grants: two-person families whose income (excluding child allowances) in the months of May to July did not exceed IL1,800; three-person families whose income did not exceed IL2,050 in this period; and larger families whose income did not exceed IL2,250 from May to July.

The grants were set at the following levels: Children in the first and second grades: IL25; children in the third and fourth grades: IL20; fifth and sixth grades: IL25; seventh and eighth grades: IL30; the ninth and tenth grades in the vocational streams: IL4,000 and in the academic streams: IL500; the 11th and 12th grades in the vocational streams: IL500 and in the academic streams: IL450.

Israeli novices make surprising showing in Wheelchair Olympics

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Israel is doing unexpectedly well in the paraplegic games (the "Wheelchair Olympics") being held this week at Stoke Mandeville, near London. He totally inexperienced team has already won three medals — one silver and two bronze.

Author Moshe Raikes, head of the 28-strong Israeli contingent to the event, told *The Jerusalem Post* that it had been deliberately decided to send a team of "novices" this year, to give them a chance to gain experience in international competition. The decision was applauded by the other participating countries.

Consequently when Israel beat the famed Spanish basketball team 82:76 in their opening match, it was regarded as a big upset. In their next match, however, against the British,

they went down 89:42.

Israel's first medal triumph came when David Zaga won a silver in the table tennis. This was followed by Ora Zuhary's winning a bronze in the women's fencing and Ezra Nava taking the bronze in the men's fencing.

The games, which attract entries from all over the world, were opened by Prince Charles, who arrived at the stadium in a helicopter that he flew himself. The smartly turned-out Israeli team caught his attention and he spent several minutes talking to them.

The 28-strong Israeli contingent to the Deaf Olympics returned from Rumania yesterday, without having won any of the events. Best performances were the fourth places won by wrestlers Baruch Matatov and Ezra Yosef.

Woman freed; agrees to take children back

HAIFA (Itim). — The Haifa Magistrates Court yesterday released on bail a woman from Rechasim village after she said she was sorry she had deserted her children and was willing to take them back.

The woman was arrested after leaving her four children at the

social welfare office in Rechasim, in the Tivon Hills 16 kms. from Haifa, last Tuesday. She is claiming a home apart from her husband, whom she wishes to divorce.

The police returned two of the children to their father and placed the other two temporarily in an institution.

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Police crack down on striking Soweto youth

JOHANNESBURG. — South African riot police fired tear gas into a crowd of hundreds of Black students in the township of Soweto yesterday, when thousands of pupils boycotted schools in a growing protest against the government's "Bantu education" system. Police officials had no immediate reports of casualties or arrests.

The crowd massed in the Meadowlands suburb of Soweto — the Black township of 1.2 million people outside Johannesburg — shortly before noon, but fled before the stinging white clouds of tear gas. Shortly afterwards they regrouped in the grounds of the Bakgomo secondary school.

After a four-hour debate, watched by three truckloads of riot police who took no action, the students decided to return to school today, Friday, but not to study.

Yesterday most of Soweto's high school pupils walked out of their classes, part of the spreading call to boycott schooling that militant students say is inferior to that enjoyed by Whites. In the twin townships of Atteridgeville and Saulsville outside Pretoria, more than 20,000 schoolchildren stayed away from school for the fourth consecutive day.

But in Mamelodi, east of Pretoria, pupils returned to their books after a sympathy boycott Wednesday.

East of Johannesburg, in the Black suburb of Kwa Thema, about 200

pupils hurled rocks at their leechers and school buildings, smashing more than 50 windows. Police who dispersed the angry youths said they were protesting because they had not been allowed to form a students' council.

Although the government has threatened to shut down schools if the boycott grew or continued, there are no indications that it is ending. Black students in Atteridgeville and Saulsville said Wednesday they would not go back to their desks until there was an acceptable alternative to "Bantu education."

The Minister of Bantu Education, M.C. Botha, said the curriculum and test requirements were the same in all South African schools. He did not mention the disparity in facilities such as electricity in schools, teacher qualification, libraries and laboratories. The government spends about \$500 a year on each white pupil and \$35 on each African.

As pupils left their classes and milled about the streets of Soweto yesterday, some groups stoned vehicles while another group, armed with stones and sticks, clashed with a gang of young thugs, one of whom was wounded after he pulled a knife.

"The World," a Johannesburg newspaper run by Blacks, yesterday reported that police had arrested 37 Black students in a number of locations after school protest demonstrations earlier this week. Police confirmed that at least 25 pupils were arrested. No reason for the arrests was given. (AP, UPI)

U.S. stops flow of Alaska oil

VALDEZ, Alaska (AP). — North slope crude oil, for 35 days on a trouble-scattered road to the Trans-Alaska Pipeline's southern terminal, has been stopped for the fifth time, this time by a federal order just 24 kms. short of its destination.

The cause: 14 questionable welds on pipe sections inside the terminal here.

The U.S. Department of Transportation claims the welds are faulty and don't meet federal standards. Officials of the Alyeska Pipeline Service Co. said the welds are sound.

One Alyeska official said that the latest order would have been issued if 13 days of delays, all attributed to human error including an explosion at a pumping station, had not occurred.

Alyeska had intended to deliver

the Prudhoe Bay crude to storage tanks here on Wednesday — well within the August 1 deadline this firm imposed on itself three years ago.

Headed north to Valdez are two tankers which will be the first ships to carry Alaskan oil to the West Coast early next month.

In Fairbanks on Wednesday, two men were arrested and accused of involvement in a series of explosions that hit the Trans-Alaska Pipeline last week.

Slate police said the two were charged with malicious destruction of property — the same charge lodged on Tuesday against a bus trapper.

An investigator said the blasts tore insulation on the pipeline and dented two vertical support columns. But the blasts did not harm the pipe itself, he said.

'French Connection' figure knifed to death in jail

ATLANTA (UPI). — Vincent Papa Sr., a central figure in the "French Connection" drug case, was stabbed to death at the Atlanta Federal Prison while walking down a dark rampway to a recreation field, prison officials disclosed.

Papa, 59, of Queens, New York, was stabbed at least eight times, each a potential fatal thrust, with three home-made knives found near the body, according to FBI agent Ed Plisley.

"They did the job and did it very well," said Plisley, who added that agents "obviously are investigating the possibility" that Papa was killed by an underground narcotics network operating in the prison.

Warden John Hanberry said the slaying occurred on Tuesday on a 55-metre concrete driveway leading from the main prison complex to an exercise field.

Papa, serving a 22-year sentence for narcotics and income-tax violations, had been in the prison four years.

He was a central figure in the investigation into the 1969 to 1972 theft of 150 kilograms of confiscated heroin and cocaine worth \$70 million from the New York City police property clerk's office, some of the drugs having been seized in the "French Connection" case.

Papa pleaded guilty in April 1976 to contempt charges arising out of the probe.

Carter: Talks soon on full test ban

WASHINGTON. — President Carter said yesterday that the U.S., Britain and the Soviet Union will begin formal negotiations October 3 on a comprehensive nuclear test ban.

Carter opened a nationally televised news conference by reporting that talks between the three nations in Geneva have been completed with promising results.

Problems on a nuclear test pact remain, he said, but the discussions had been promising enough to go ahead with formal negotiations.

Carter expressed hope that other states would join in efforts to negotiate a ban on testing of nuclear weapons.

(The tripartite talks adjourned on Wednesday with the British and Soviet delegates reporting that the discussion had been "businesslike.")

British delegate Lord Goronwy-

Roberts noted that there had been 500 underground nuclear tests since the 1963 partial test-ban treaty.)

During the press conference Carter, in answer to a question, denied that he is "setting up a competition" for arms sales among emerging nations in Africa. Maintaining that a flurry of new sales to Egypt, Sudan and Somalia did not contradict his campaign promises to cut down arms shipments abroad, Carter said the arms sales were made in an attempt to confine the conflicts to a single geographical area, "and to reduce competition with the Soviet Union."

He said a prime consideration in arms sales "is our own defensive needs and an adequate defence for our allies." After this year, he said, there will be a reduction in such sales.

"We are trying to get other nations — France, England and the Soviet Union — to join us," he added.

Carter also made these points:

- He considers a projected \$25 billion trade deficit, largely from oil imports, "a vivid demonstration of the need for very tight conservation methods." Asked if the deficit represents a threat to the economy, the president said "this has been a primary concern of ours."

- Both the U.S. and the Soviets have "shown great restraint" in the conflict between Egypt and Libya.

- Asked whether he has made any mistakes in his first six months, the president said there are some minor things he might have handled better, but that Congress is responding well to his proposals. (Reuter, UPI)

Pentagon also probing Korean payoffs

WASHINGTON (AP). — The U.S. Defense Department is conducting its own investigation of the Korean influence-buying scandal in an effort to determine whether payoffs and gifts flowed to the Pentagon as well as to Capitol Hill.

The Pentagon acknowledged on Wednesday that it began its own investigation earlier this month. A Pentagon spokesman said the investigation was ordered "because of information that there have been improperities."

Justice Department officials told a group of Congressmen on Wednesday that "a very few" indictments are expected as a result of the department's investigation.

Assistant Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti said no final decision has been made to seek in-

dictments against anybody, although he said several cases are at the point where a decision will be made shortly.

Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill said earlier this week that he understood five persons would be indicted soon. Sources said the five would include former Congressmen, but no one now holding office.

But Civiletti said the probe has not even produced enough "evidence of a chargeable crime" to take action against South Korean rice dealer Tongsun Park, the central figure in the scandal.

After Civiletti's cautious assessment at the unusual briefing, Atty. Gen. Griffin Bell told the Congressmen: "There are some people who will be prosecuted, while

others will be absolved."

Civiletti said an obvious problem is that Park has fled to London and the Justice Department would need "evidence of a chargeable crime" to extradite him.

"If we had that evidence there would be an indictment today," Civiletti said, "and we would have extradition proceedings begun."

Park's distribution of money in Congress and around Washington appears to have been legal campaign and office account contributions to a number of Congressmen. The Justice Department and House Ethics Committee are trying to determine if he actually was trying illegally to buy Congressional good will for the South Korean government.

Smith enters fray over evicting coloureds

SALISBURY. — Rhodesian Premier Ian Smith has promised to investigate the plight of a Coloured (mixed-race) family threatened with eviction from their home because they live in a whites-only suburb.

"I am most concerned about this unfortunate incident which is totally out of keeping with what we are trying to achieve in Rhodesia," he said about the incident which has become a nationwide controversy. "I have asked for the full facts of this case to be obtained for me."

George Adams, his wife and their four children have been told by the Salisbury city council it is going to enforce a prohibition order in their title deeds which states the Salisbury suburb of Prospect is reserved for whites only.

The Adams have been living in a \$21,870 bungalow on four acres of land in Prospect for two years.

Adams works for a firm which erects security fences around

military establishments and farms in areas threatened by Black nationalist guerrillas. His 23-year-old son is in the armed forces.

"What I cannot understand," Smith said, "is how the family were able to purchase the property in the first place if such ownership is against the laws of Rhodesia. How can they be evicted when they own the property?"

In moving towards an accommodation with Black nationalists seeking majority rule, the White Rhodesian government recently passed a law scrapping much racial discrimination.

Salisbury city councillor Timothy Stamps told reporters on Wednesday the government had given "tacit assurances" that under the new law, the land tenure amendment act, certain of Salisbury's southern suburbs would become non-racial.

But Bill Irvine, minister of housing and local government, denied this. He said he had made it "quite clear"

in parliament that the government had no intention of extending existing non-racial areas.

In London, Rhodesian nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo said yesterday he was on his way to Cuba to ask Premier Fidel Castro for weapons to fight the guerrilla war in Rhodesia. He insisted he would not ask Castro for troops.

Nkomo on Wednesday told Prime Minister James Callaghan that his guerrilla group was asking not only Cuba but also nations of the Soviet bloc in Europe for increased arms.

The military command in Rhodesia said yesterday that two buses carrying Black children in eastern Rhodesia on Wednesday detonated landmines planted by Black insurgents, killing a boy and a driver and wounding 11 youths. In the same area, a Black woman storekeeper "was beaten to death with rocks by a terrorist gang," the command said. (Reuter, AP, UPI)

Kite flyer triggered California blaze

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP). — Investigators say a kite, blown into a high-voltage power line and set ablaze late Tuesday, started the massive brush fire in Santa Barbara.

The result of the mishap: 385 homes and other structures destroyed or damaged, \$50m. in damages, 5,000 persons evacuated, 22 persons injured, 740 acres of brush destroyed.

Santa Barbara, a wealthy community of mission-style homes whose red-tiled roofs lend a Mediterranean flavour to the parched Pacific Coast some 160 kms. north of Los Angeles, became a panicked city on Tuesday night as sheets of flame tore through the drought-dried brush of the Santa Ynez Mountains.

Fire storms leaped erratically from canyon to ridge, leaving a patchwork of destruction across the city's richest neighbourhoods, where some home values start at \$250,000.

Seven evacuation centres were set up, but relief workers said few of the financially secure refugees stayed there. Most elected to stay at the 78 hotels and motels in Santa Barbara, a major tourist area.

District Attorney Stanley Roden said the kite flyer, identified only as a man in his 20s, was in Sycomore Canyon when his kite was blown into a 16,000-volt power line. He said the string of the kite caused an electrical arc, which "either set the brush immediately below on fire or sent a shower of flammable material to the ground."

Pasolini film seized — 'obscene'

LONDON (AP). — Detectives of Scotland Yard have seized a copy of Pier Paolo Pasolini's last movie, "Salò — the 120 Days of Sodom," following complaints that it is obscene, the Yard said yesterday.

The film was taken Tuesday from the Curzon Cinema Club in London's Soho district following consultations with the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP), a spokesman said.

The movie is about four sadistic Italian fascist officials who imprison a group of teenagers and subject them to sexual degradation before brutally killing them.

Punk Rockers get feedback in violence

LONDON (UPI). — Bob Geldof, vocalist of the Punk Rock group Boomtown Rats, was singing into his microphone when a stranger strode onstage and punched him full in the face.

Before Geldof, bleeding from nose and mouth, could recover, the man disappeared into the audience.

Punk Rock — the "new wave" in Rock and Roll with primitive rhythms and lyrics about violence — is going through a trying period at the moment. Its young stars have become targets of verbal and, often, physical abuse from Teddy Boys who affect 1950's gear and roam the streets looking for trouble.

Teds — who wear suede shoes with thick rubber soles known as "brothel creepers," fluorescent socks and DA haircuts — lately re-emerged in

force to counter the Punks who have no set uniform but seem to dress in torn denim and jacketed belted togas or by safety pins as often as anything else.

The situation is reminiscent of the feud between the Mods and Rockers that marked the introduction of Rock and Roll itself a generation ago. Despite that confrontation, a powerful new music came into being.

Most critics do not as yet see the same promise in the energetic simplicity of Punk Rock. But some say it is bound to evolve and revitalize rock, even if the direction is a bit uncertain at the moment.

What is certain is that Punk Rockers are having to run the risk of "punchups" to enjoy their music.

There have been a number of gang fights at Punk Rock shows and attacks on such "new wave" per-

sonalities as Johnny Rotten of the pioneer Sex Pistols, Paul Cook and members of the Adverts and Damned groups. Rotten was reported to have been elbowed in one Punk-Ted bawle. American Lee Childers, the Heartbreakers' manager and one of the founders of Punk Rock, was beaten up by the Punks who mistook him for a Ted.

The solution for Punk Rockers would be to hire the security firms who turn out small armies to control the concerts of the big stars of Rock and Roll.

But the new groups can't afford the expense.

Though they sing about violence, the dole and social change, they do not think they are breeding the violence they suffer.

"Violence," said a Punk Rocker, "is for singing, not doing."

Rome was old when wolf suckled twins

ROME (AP). — Rome may already have been 600 years old when Romulus and Remus, the city's legendary founders, first came on the scene.

Archaeologists, after a chance discovery, reported on Wednesday that they have unearthed evidence of an early settlement that punche more holes in the legend of the wolf-suckled twins.

Professor Carlo Pietrangeli, Rome's superintendent of antiquities, said the digs on the Capitoline Hill could date Rome's founding as far back as 1,300 B.C.E.

"There's a little question that this settlement goes back at least 500 years before the traditional founding date, and it's probably older,"

Pietrangeli said in an interview. Legend has it that the twins Romulus and Remus floated down the Tiber in a reed basket, were found and suckled by a mother wolf, and that Romulus killed his brother and founded Rome in 753 B.C.E.

The find was actually made by a group of workmen digging in Marcus Aurelius Square to install a diesel oil tank for heating city hall and other municipal offices on the stately piazza.

Unearthed miraculously intact were ceramic fragments, animal bones, grains of iron, and traces of a road and a canal dug to bring in water, presumably from the Tiber River.

Pietrangeli said the discoveries

point to a settlement of shepherds who grazed their herds atop the Capitoline, one of the seven hills of Rome, now with a square designed by Michelangelo which is one of the city's principal tourist attractions.

Work was immediately halted on the site and the archaeologists moved in.

"Digging will resume in September, when we hope to get a better idea of the extent of the settlement and fix the date." The find is the latest in a series questioning the Romulus and Remus legend.

Undeterred modern-day Romans celebrate the city's birthday as April 21, based on the calendar of the ancient Roman forefathers.

Last year, digs near the Capitoline



German actress Ingrid van Bergen kept a frozen face for photographers on Wednesday while sitting in the police van that took her to the prison where she will serve a seven-year term for killing her lover. (AP radiophoto)

EEC going ahead with fast breeders despite U.S. ban

BRUSSELS (UPI). — The European Common Market (EEC) will continue to develop fast-breeder nuclear reactors regardless of President Jimmy Carter's decision to suspend similar development in the U.S., a market official said yesterday.

"We have no choice," said the Common Market's energy chief, Guido Brunner, explaining that the EEC already is falling far behind its targets for energy saving by 1985.

Fast breeders produce more fuel than they use but also burn and spawn deadly plutonium, only small amounts of which are needed to make a nuclear bomb.

Carter wants to suspend fast-breeder development in all of the industrialized world, pending a two-year study on nuclear fuel.

The seven nations which attended the economic summit in London to May will take part in the study, but the role of the Common Market, which has its own atomic agency, Euratom — as a member of the study group was still uncertain. The members of the group are the U.S., Canada, Japan, Britain, France, Italy and West Germany.

Brunner told a news conference the study should neither exclude the Common Market's own nuclear expertise nor be used as a pretext to block fast breeder development.

"The community and its member states must preserve the option of making fast breeder reactors available to utilities on a commercial basis during the early 1990s," he said.

Groucho to stay in grandson's custody

LOS ANGELES (Reuter). — A bitter three-month court battle over the estate of 86-year-old Groucho Marx ended at the sitting comedian's hospital bedside on Wednesday with a judge appointing his grandson Andrew as his permanent guardian.

Marx hinked sleepily and answered only "yes" or "no," during the bedside court hearing at Cedars-Sinai Hospital.

Superior Court Judge Edward Rafeedie appointed Andrew Marx, 27, to look after the \$2m estate, ending the fight between Marx's companion of seven years, Edna Fleming, 36, and Marx's son, Arthur.

Marx had challenged Miss Fleming's application for guardianship, contending that she had physically and verbally abused his father and supplied him with unprescribed drugs to keep him quiet.

Nine persons, including a nurse, sat around Marx's bedside as Judge Rafeedie asked him if he would be willing to have his grandson, already his temporary guardian, act in a permanent capacity.

BERSEK. — A Jordanian who went berserk on an Alitalia flight from New York was overpowered by crew members and arrested when the flight arrived in Rome yesterday, airport officials said. Zeldelch Kamel Abdel, 55, became abusive to other passengers aboard flight 611 just before the plane arrived, but crewmen managed to subdue him before the plane touched down.

Renewed violence as IRA talks fold

BELFAST (UPI). — Shooting broke out in Belfast again yesterday when peace talks between two warring factions of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA) collapsed.

The secret talks, reportedly held in a Roman Catholic monastery, reached deadlock in mid-afternoon, IRA sources said.

Three men from the militant provisional wing of the IRA and three from the opposing official IRA sought to argue out a new "non-aggression pact" between them, with the help of Roman Catholic mediators. They were trying to prevent a third intra-IRA assassination campaign, like the two which took 15 lives in the past two years.

Yesterday's outbreak follows a wave of killings and shootings in the crowded Catholic ghettoes of western Belfast, where at least two persons were killed on Wednesday.

U.S., Greece initial military base pact

ATHENS (AP). — Greece and the U.S. initialled an agreement yesterday giving the U.S. access to four military bases throughout the country.

The agreement is for a four-year duration. A clause gives either side the right to cancel it and calls for an extension once it expires.

New Yorkers unneighbourly to prince

NEW YORK (AP). — Presidents of a swank Park Avenue apartment building have voted not to allow Saudi Arabia's foreign minister to move in, a resident of the cooperative building told the AP on Wednesday.

Attempts by the American-adsuced prince, Saud Al-Faisal, to buy an 18-room apartment in the building touched off a dispute among residents in late May. The decision was postponed until Tuesday night, when a formal vote was taken. The actual vote was not disclosed.

The prince, a member of Saudi Arabia's royal family, was ready to pay nearly \$600,000 for the apartment, according to the resident, who asked not to be identified.

The apartment is owned by Bruce A. Norris, president of the National Hockey League's Detroit Red Wings and heir to a grain fortune.

Money was not the problem. The

royal family earns an estimated \$50m. a year from oil. Rather, the source told the AP that the main reason for the prince's rejection was fear that his presence could endanger other residents.

"You wouldn't really be able to tell if it would be safe if he were here," the source said, referring to terrorist acts in the Middle East. "It's possible nothing could happen. But there are so many possibilities."

There was also concern that the prince would use the apartment to host parties, not to live in, disrupting the building's quiet.

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Carrot and stick

TELEVIEW / Philip Gillon

WHEN Prime Minister Menachem Begin set off for the U.S.A., we all expected President Jimmy Carter to subject him to the carrot and stick treatment. The carrots were to be grants, loans and super-arms; the stick was to be demands that we surrender territory. But everything in Washington went off as merry as a wedding bell; Menachem's home laden with carrots in his shopping basket, without a single stick to indicate that Jimmy had used the rod.

It was with some surprise, therefore, that we saw the Premier, the moment he got home, using the carrot and stick technique on the President. The carrot was the highest praise Begin could lavish on any man — a comparison with Vladimir (Ze'ev) Jabotinsky, and an assurance that he was convinced Jimmy would prove to be a very great president. Well, we thought, even if we doubted whether Jimmy had ever heard of Jabotinsky, these words from Menachem were certainly calculated to boost his ego. But, just as the President was reading the newspapers aloud over breakfast, the news that Israel had decided to give permanence to Kaddum, Ofra and Ma'ale Adumim.

The official explanation given to us for this slap on the face of the kindly President is that the settlements already existed in fact, that recognition of their right to exist was merely formal, and that they were not new settlements to be set up prior to the Geneva conference. Very thin, this excuse. Why provoke the Americans when a judicious silence for ten weeks to Geneva — what the Premier himself called "a political truce" in his press conference in the U.S.A. — was so clearly desirable?

We got the answer, I think, when we saw the leaders of Gush Emunim in a long news feature. They made it clear that they were not interested in any political truces; they assumed that they would have the Likud's

support, but, with or without it, they intended to set up new settlements by Be'er Sheva, a month before the Geneva talks are scheduled to convene.

I cannot say that I was delighted when the Likud won the election, but I did think that we could find one consolation for the change in power — I assumed that the election had ended government by a handful of over-zealous zealots calling themselves Gush Emunim. That the Rabin government had abdicated the right of decision about the future of Samaria to the Gush had become an accepted way of life; we knew that the government decision to eradicate Kaddum would never be implemented. But, we thought, when Begin became prime minister, he and his Cabinet would decide when, where and how the West Bank would be absorbed.

Apparently this is not going to happen; the Gush is still the arbiter of our relations with the Americans and the Arabs. I hope that Jimmy understands why this is so; I don't.

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE," devoted to that very pleasant and interesting man, Moshe Rivlin, moved at the pace of a mail dancing a minuet. Perhaps because the two themes of the evening were religion and Zionism, Amos Ettinger apparently decided that time was in no way of the essence. In slow and stately style we wandered down the corridors of Jerusalem's history, gathering occasional dashes among weeds of boredom.

In fact, the programme was so leisurely that at time I thought Moshe himself was falling asleep; I

certainly saw several people in the audience who followed the proceedings with rapt attention, as indicated by their keeping their eyes tightly closed, like the judge in "Pickwick Papers."

I don't know whether the method of presentation was Amos' fault or whether it was thrust upon him by the participants. His opening gambit was a very good one, with Moshe invited to explain relations between Israelis and Diaspora Jews to high school pupils, who suddenly whipped out "This Is Your Life." Then we were taken to the header, and were told that Moshe had had a very religious upbringing. So far, so good — a programme full of possibilities.

At this stage we were introduced to Rabbi Shmuel Avineri Haohen, and the show collapsed. The Rabbi took over the proceedings; we might have been sitting with a group of rabbis debating endlessly in Talmudic fashion what some lines in the Bible meant. The impression that we had all the time in the world became intensified when we moved from the header to the Aluma School.

Even the Gush and the Hagana did not live up to the proceedings. Moshe Rivlin, moved at the pace of a mail dancing a minuet. Perhaps because the two themes of the evening were religion and Zionism, Amos Ettinger apparently decided that time was in no way of the essence. In slow and stately style we wandered down the corridors of Jerusalem's history, gathering occasional dashes among weeds of boredom.

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he said, then as now, always knew everything, all the latest news and gossip.

Perhaps because he had got too preoccupied with depicting Jerusalem as a city of neighbourhoods in the old days, Amos Ettinger, it seemed to me, missed an opportunity to present the Jewish Agency to Israel as it really is, a vital and dynamic driving force, not a fossilised dinosaur, which is its stereotype in Israeli eyes. Avraham Avram did describe how Pinchas Sapir set out to raise the millions of dollars needed to pay for the Yom Kippur War. Their gloomiest predictions proved to be over-optimistic; the cost was colossal, overwhelming, but somehow Sapir inspired world Jewry to cough up unprecedented amounts.

Moshe summed up the evening by saying that it had certainly helped him to have such deep roots in Judaism, although he had turned from belief in God to belief in Berlioz because of the Holocaust. He hoped that Israelis would change their attitude from "It's due to me" to "I care." Maybe we will. But I doubt it.

"THAT'S MY SECRET" brought us a wonderful man who should be used by the Premier in his investigation of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Asher can identify to a millimetre where an underground leak has taken place. With his tricky instrument, he could identify the leader in the Committee, or in the Government, in next to no time.

Dina Bardail, heroine of Haim

Hefer's famous song, was identified at the last moment in an inspired flash, by Eli Tavori, who has become so good at this game that I suspect Uri Zohar may be leaking him information before the programme begins. Dina disclosed that Haim took some liberties with her measurements, to get his words to fit his tune, but she certainly demonstrated that she was the right selection for a light lyric that still lives, 20 years later.

The best news of the week was that Anwar Sadat was knocking the stuffing out of Colonel Mu'ammer Gaddafi. It couldn't happen to a more deserving man, with the possible exception of Idi Amin.

Jordan TV's news was strangely silent about the fighting between Egypt and Libya; perhaps they were pressed for time, because they had to give so much attention to Menachem Begin. Begin's public relations boys should send some attractive stills of the Premier to Jordan; they are using pictures which make our prime minister look like Count Dracula. I doubt whether this is deliberate; most of their photographs of Israelis are far more flattering than those used by Israel Television.

ISRAELI Yeeheyahu was very dignified and surprisingly free of resentment when he discussed, on "Behind the Headlines," the frustrations of being put out to grass while still possessed of all his vigour. He demonstrated that he could still handle a shrewd gavel, but added that he understood the desire of the youngsters in the Alignment to get rid of him, as he was the last of the party's First Knesset generation. He also thought that the objectivity demanded of a Speaker had made him remote from the Party. Handled with rare sympathy by Yaron London, he refused to say what MKs he thought should never have been allowed to enter the Knesset; asked who were the greats, he naturally placed B-G first.



Dancing the hora on the landing craft.

Young Diaspora Jews meet the Israelis

By JUDY SIEGEL

THE FLAT-TOPPED IDF landing craft cruising slowly through the Straits of Tirat was being used for peaceful purposes. On the deck, under a broiling 38-degree sun, young Jews from four continents spontaneously joined hands with soldiers to dance a hora and sing Hebrew songs.

In the centre of the country, they spent one morning with immigrants at a reception centre, communicating in French, Spanish, English and Yiddish about what it is like to come on aliyah. Eschewing hotels and guest houses, they slept over and ate dinner in the homes of Galilee settlers.

It was not a typical mission of contributors and fund-raisers from the Diaspora. "We wanted to meet the people, not listen to speeches," says Peter Levy, a 37-year-old British real estate broker who took part in the Yehdai World Young Leaders' Mission of Keren Hayesod. Lectures by Jewish Agency and government officials should generally be dispensed with. We can read about their politics and opinions in the newspapers.

The young Jews, ranging in age from 20 to 40, didn't come to be entertained or pampered as VIPs and were enthusiastic about the idea of roughing it. When the civilian Arkia planes filled up with participants, the several dozen who were left over cheerfully packed into a Hercules military transport plane for a hop from Eilat to Tel Aviv. Despite the oppressive heat inside, the cacophony of bells, screeches and engine roar, a hefty West German baritone named Bruno led them throughout the flight in more Hebrew choruses.

"The mission was the result of eight years' hard work," says Zvi Ravi, the head of Keren Hayesod's young leadership division. "Our target is Jews who grew up after the Holocaust and 1948, a generation that does not know what it was like to live without the State of Israel."

The division organized potential leaders in 28 countries (Keren Hayesod operates throughout the free world except the U.S.), asking them to give money, to collect from others and to learn about Israel. "Apart from raising millions of dollars for Israel, we have turned them into the future leaders of Keren Hayesod," Ravi asserts. Aliya is also an intended by-product.

"It's very interesting to look at the latest combat planes and weapons," says Sasha Teeeler, after a strenuous Sinai tour that included an

aerobic display and conversations with Air Force and Navy officers and men. But Teeeler, a 28-year-old builder who works as a volunteer organizer for young leadership in Frankfurt, prefers to meet Israelis.

His Jewish peers in many European countries are in danger of perishing. "I'm very afraid that if we don't do something to curb intermarriage, many Jews will just get lost," Teeeler believes that increasing awareness and support for Israel among the younger generation will help bolster Jewish identity and lead some to aliyah.

Peter Levy views the Anglo-Jewish community as very apathetic about Jewish life. They talk about the Arab enclave in London and seem to feel uncomfortable about it, but come, he says, admit that petrodollars are good for their business.

The younger generation in the community are not impressed by fund-raising banquets, speeches and plaques. "They need to feel more Jewish identity, more involvement and education, so they can make up their own minds." A number of "doves" on the mission, according to Levy, changed their minds when they visited the Golan and the territories during the mission's excursions. The young leadership participants tend more than their parents to want to know how the Jewish Agency spends their contributions, "although the final decision must, of course, be made in Israel."

Pete Hammerman, a furrier in Sydney, started organizing young leadership six years ago and now has 100 people in that Australian city alone. This year he expects them to raise 800,000 Australian dollars. The 28-year-old Hammerman began his Jewish involvement circulating JNF "blue boxes," but was attracted to Keren Hayesod because he wanted more active participation in the cause. "To come to live in Israel should be our aim, but it's hard for many of us to come, at least in the near future. I'm a volunteer for my own benefit. It gives me great pleasure to see the hospitals, kindergartens and absorption centres built with our funds."

Nons of the 240 mission participants expressed disappointment with the 10-day adventure. Highlights they cited always involved the people they had met. They took the addresses of many Israelis and say they intend to correspond. Some of them, if they follow through on their dreams, will end up here permanently.

The insensitivity of power

By ALLAN E. (AVRAHAM) SHAPIRO

WE ALL WISH that our favourite American presidents were also those best for the Jews and for Israel. It still rankles that Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom American Jews idolized and idealized, did little or nothing to give shelter to the tide of Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution in the 1930s. Indeed, by his pressing knowledge of the catastrophe befalling European Jewry during the war years, in the opinion of some he contributed to the dimensions of the disaster. Was this blemish on the record of a great leader the result of insensitivity?

On the other hand, we balk at accepting solid support when it comes from the dark side of American politics. Unable to be indifferent, we screen out the unpleasant aspects of reality, cultivating a studied insensitivity of our own. Perhaps that is why some Israelis were indifferent about the American commitment in Vietnam and heliported the significance of Watergate.

Yitzhak Rabin, as Ambassador in Washington and as Prime Minister, intervened in the American scene to denationalize the issue of support for Israel. The political efficacy of the American Jewish community, could be maximized by increasing its capability for manoeuvre between the rival political camps. Today the organized Jewish community in the United States operates as an effective lobby in the American tradition of pressure group activity, without prior commitments to party or individual.

Yet, in the field of concrete decision-making, the major purpose of meetings between the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of Israel is to activate the sensitivities of the incumbent in the White House in support of Israel. Presidential power is institutional power, but it is also personal power, hence the loneliness of the demands of the office. The decisions, in the final analysis, are the President's.

Hence, our interest in the range of sensitivities of the President. For, as President Carter has noted, "the strength of a powerful person in his thrust on a city or a nation or a world can be insensitive... Sometimes the separation between power and people is unrecognized by the strong leaders. And the insensitivity that's inherent in power, was ought to be a warning to us."

President Carter made his comment in response to a question by New York Times Book Review Editor Harvey Shapiro, relating to a line from a poem by Dylan Thomas



Dylan Thomas

that precedes his autobiography. The future President first encountered the poetry of Dylan Thomas while browsing through an anthology of modern verse in 1955 when the fertilizer business was slow. The poem that caught Mr. Carter's attention was "A Refusal to Mourn the Death of Fire of a Child in London."

"I didn't understand the poem when I read it," explained the President in his June 19 New York Times Book Review interview. "But the last line said, 'After the first death there is no other. And I thought about it for a while and I went back and read the poem again.'"

Reading the poem again with our own concerns in mind, one must admit to a national prejudice against the poet's injunction not to mourn, so as not to diminish the dimensions of the disaster. Our excuse, of course, is our national history. Nor can we wait, in the words of Dylan Thomas, until we "must enter again the round/Zion of the water bead/And the synagogue of the ear of corn."

The inadequacy of expression is matched by an inadequacy of action. The two express limitations derived ultimately from a tragic sense of life. It is on this tragic intuition that the President's political philosophy ultimately rests.

There is an interrelationship, Mr. Carter asserted, between Dylan Thomas' poem and a line of Reinhold Niebuhr's that also precedes his autobiography, "The end duty of politics is to establish justice in a sinful world." While this defines the role of the political leader, it also defines his limitations.

For the world remains sinful, the duty end.

The tragic sense, therefore, dictates limitations to the political process. Garry Wills suggests that it is "precisely this recognition of limit that separates him (Carter) from modern liberals. He knows it is nonsense to think we have nothing to fear but fear itself. We have evil to fear."

It is also the theme dominating the best of the Southern writers, of whom William Faulkner is the President's favourite. "I've read all of Faulkner's books, and have all of them as a matter of fact," Mr. Carter stated in the New York Times interview. "I think he has most accurately analysed... the fallibility of human beings and the basic weakness of mankind."

One wonders how a president so aware of "the insensitivity that's inherent in power," the limitations of politics, and human fallibility will see his sad duty in this sinful part of the world. One can expect that a moralizing foreign policy in the hands of President Carter will avoid the pitfalls of that other "political gospel," Woodrow Wilson.

Wilson sent a two-man commission to post-World War I Palestine, charged with the task of assessing the desires of the indigenous population, in the framework of his Fourteen Points. Presumably Secretary Vance's mission will be far more complex.

Perhaps the Secretary should include in his brief-case a copy of Dylan Thomas, so he can ponder the meaning of the stanzas of "The Hand That Signed the Paper," from which Carter chose the lines for his autobiography:

The hand that signed the treaty bred a fever,
And famine grew, and locusts came;
Great is the hand that holds dominion over
Man by a scribbled name.
The five kings count the dead but do not weep
The crusted wound nor stroke the brow;
A hand rules pity as a hand rules heaven;
Hands have no tears to flow.
The lines Carter chose were: "Great is the hand that holds dominion over/ Man by a scribbled name." The meaning of the poem, the insensitivity of power, the President asserted, was summarized in the concluding verse: "Hands have no tears to flow."

"The Collected Poems of Dylan Thomas, New Directions, New York, 1963.

MOSAIC DREAMS

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A STRANGE musical marriage has been arranged and will be celebrated at a series of concerts throughout the country next month, the first in Jerusalem on Wednesday. The central figures are the noted American saxophonist Stan Getz and the Israeli composer-guitarist Yossi Pizant.

It all began when Getz came here last year with his group to take part in the Israel Festival, and received a telephone call at his hotel from a young man who wanted to join musical ideas with him. Open-minded and friendly, Getz was happy to listen to the work of this stranger and to find for himself that the twain can indeed meet. It had been done before, the mixing of the music of East and West, but he had not had any part of it.

Pizant's integration of Sephardic and oriental melodies into the percussive world of jazz-rock made an immediate impact on Getz. He himself had created a musical sensation in the sixties when his versions of "Brazilian" melodies gave the word "bossa-nova" an important place in the dictionary of popular music.

Getz — a leading jazz personality for nearly 30 years — was impressed by the Pizant sound. Said Getz: "I look for four things in music — form, logic, content and feeling, and Yossi's work had all these. I knew it was something special — authentic and infectious — something that had to be recorded and brought to the



WORLD-FAMOUS JAZZ MUSICIAN Stan Getz will play in concerts here with the Lahakat Pizant and his own quartet.

notice of people." True to his resolve a recording was made and will be released soon under the title "Getz-Pizant: Mosaic Dreams."

At his concerts here Getz will play with his own group as well as with that of Pizant.

Born in Philadelphia of Russian-Jewish parents, Getz became a professional musician in his teens, and through the years has played with most of the best-known names in jazz, from "Swing King" Benny Goodman to modernists such as Dizzy Gillespie and Chick Corea. His unique sound, inventiveness, lyricism and robust good taste have enabled him to maintain a high place in a profession which is warm but fierce-

ly competitive.

His return to Israel after only a year marks more than just a round of concert engagements. Getz's initial visit last year was something of a voyage of discovery and making him want to know more of the country and the people. The concerts with Pizant have given him this opportunity.

After Jerusalem the Getz and Pizant groups will play in Tel Aviv (August 7 and 15); Haifa (August 12); Ayelet Hashahar (17); and Caesarea (18).

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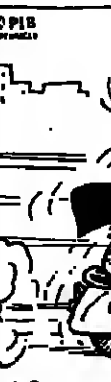






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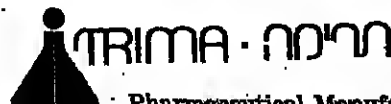
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MAN OF PROPERTY

By PHILIP GILLON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE EMPIRE of Gideon Patt is considerably greater than the modest realm of his predecessors, since the Public Works Department has been transferred from the Ministry of Labour to that of Housing. This means that he is responsible for all Government building activity in the country, including hospitals, schools, and public buildings, as well as for providing roofs over the heads of the citizenry. The number of employees for whom he is responsible has risen from 1,100 to 2,200, and his budget this year will be ILB.

"We are putting into effect a concept worked out by a special committee formed by Likud," says Mr. Patt, a member of the Liberal wing of the Likud. "We decided that all Government activities involving construction should be concentrated in one hand. In the past there were many instances in which more than one Ministry went out to get bids in the same city at the same time, and, by competing with each other, enabled contractors to charge higher prices. Standards also varied from place to place, and from job to job."

He is frankly appalled by the housing situation in Israel, where prices of homes have soared to astronomical heights, 20 per cent of young married couples live with their parents in over-crowded apartments, and anybody buying a home has to assume crushing obligations.

"I feel that a very awkward situation has been created," he says. "A young family, or a family with many children living in the slums, has no choice but to buy at a price way beyond their means. They commit themselves to repayments which cripple their lives. For instance, take a young couple that wants to live in Ashdod, where the man can get a job. They can get 60 per cent on mortgage, if they're lucky. The balance is found by them and their parents borrowing from all possible sources at very high rates of interest."

"Even then, the best that they can afford is probably a very small two-roomed apartment, although the size of the family requires a larger home. They stay in that tiny apartment for years, until they have paid off the debt, and can sell it and move elsewhere. This means that, during those critical years for the family, they are living in squalid conditions, and are cutting their standard of living so as to meet their obligations. I would like them to pay less for housing, and to be able to enjoy a better life for themselves and their children."

"Another problem caused by this terrible over-emphasis on house purchase is that it has destroyed the mobility of labour. That man in Ashdod may be offered a better job in Kiryat Shmona, but he is tied to his house. He just can't move. This is very bad for the economy, when we are making such efforts to move workers into production."

The idea of making people buy housing rather than rent involved in the "fifties, when the then governments were anxious to root people in new development towns and villages. Otherwise, it was feared, they would all flock into slums around Tel Aviv and Haifa."

"Perhaps there was something in the concept then, although they could have rooted people by providing rental housing as well as by giving them no alternative but to buy. Even if a case could be made out for such a policy then, the needs of the economy changed completely, and there was no necessity to go on and on with the idea that people should not be mobile. It has hindered the economy considerably."

"I want to see a situation where people will have a choice, either to buy or to lease, at reasonable prices or rents. Those who want to buy should be able to do so with the help

of the state; those who want to rent should also be free to do so. Generally speaking, in other Western countries, young people like to rent before they find out exactly where and how they are going to settle permanently. I would like to get the same situation here."

"The problem, of course, is how to bring about changes in a position that has developed over three decades. It's easier said than done. I got some new ideas at about three o'clock one morning, after a sleepless night mulling over the difficulties. The first thing I did when I got to the office was to sound out my advisers as to whether my plans were practicable."

"I worked on the principle that it's an ill wind that blows nobody some good. The housing company, Shikun VePituah, had 6,000 empty apartments; other building firms were also in bad shape. There were many empty flats in the three big cities and various other towns. I decided that the Government should take them over and throw them on the rental market."

"Then I decided to offer to build for people prepared to invest in rental housing. We'll give them mortgages to help them to build, and we'll build and run the apartments for them, say, seven years. At the end of that time the mortgages will be paid. Rents will depend on areas. We'll give subsidies to tenants who need them. The investor won't get a return on his capital during the seven years he is paying off the mortgage, but he does get the capital gain, and he ends up with a paid-up property."

"This idea has created great interest among investors, both in Israel and abroad."

THE MINISTER does not only condemn the policy of predecessors in not providing adequate rental housing, but also criticizes the role played by the Lands Authority.

"Because of socialist doctrines, the Lands Authority was scared that Jews would make a profit out of land if they could buy the freehold. As a result, the Authority kept back land, and deliberately created a scarcity. It set the pace of supply and demand in such a way that property was put away out of reach of the average Israeli; paradoxically, the Authority's policy favoured the rich, who could afford to pay astronomical prices for very scarce land."

"I hope that the Government will unfreeze 250,000 dunams of land in various parts of the country, and will thus bring down prices. Do you know, in most Western countries the percentage of land value in built-up properties is 30 to 35 per cent. In Israel, it's 45 to 60 per cent."

"Why shouldn't Jews be allowed to acquire the freehold to their land,

why must they get only leasehold? What was the Government afraid of? Keeping land for speculation instead of development can be prevented by heavy taxation on unimproved land. The more people build, the more housing there is, the better it is for the economy. But nobody wants to develop land for which he has only leasehold title."

"The whole question of the Lands Authority is being reviewed by the Government. Personally, I'd like to see it moved to the Ministry of Energy and Infrastructure."

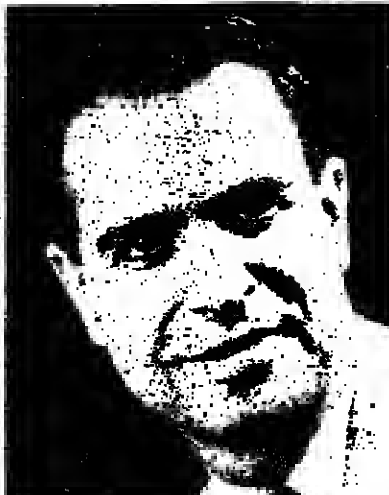
The Minister has had no previous experience in building, but does not consider this to be a disadvantage. "I don't think any minister except the Minister of Justice has to be an expert in the field dealt with by his Ministry. The Minister of Justice obviously has to be a lawyer, but the Minister of Health needn't be a doctor, the Minister of Transport doesn't have to be a bus driver, and the Minister of Social Welfare doesn't have to be a social welfare case."

"A cabinet minister, in my opinion, should be hard-working, intelligent, with an open mind and the ability to make choices of policy among alternatives submitted to him by his advisers. He has to devote all his time to the affairs of his Ministry. I hope that I will fit the formula I've laid down."

What about participating in major decisions about war, peace, relations with the Arabs, annexation or otherwise of territory? Surely these matters interfere with the concentration on the work of each particular ministry?

"I personally was very happy when Menachem Begin told all Ministers not to make statements about fields to which they were not assigned. Of course, you have to participate in decision-making, but it's like being a member of a board of directors of a company, not the head of every single department. There is so much for each of us to do in his own field that there should be little time to interfere in somebody else's activities. That's how I see it; I want to get on with my own job."

PATT has not changed the Director-General, or any members of the staff of the Ministry of Housing. "I have known the Director-General for many years, from the time when he worked at the Ministry of Finance. I'm satisfied that he is a very good man. My first impression is that all the people in the Ministry are first-rate. In fact, when the Avraham Omer tragedy took place, they did a wonderful job keeping things going under extremely difficult conditions. So why make changes? My chauffeur, secretaries, everyone—they need the jobs, and I need them. But policies I certainly hope to alter for the better."



Gideon Patt

Gideon Patt was born in 1933, a member of a well-known Jerusalem family, who ran Patt's Bakery, across the street from the old Hadassah Hospital in the Street of the Prophets.

"It's a car-park now," he says sadly, obviously thinking that it should have been preserved as a landmark. He graduated from the religious Ma'ariv High School, and went on to study in the Rabbi Kook Yeshiva. Then he served in Nahal. Subsequently for four years he worked as secretary to the late Yosef Sapir, who became Minister of Transportation in a coalition government. "I became very close friends," Patt recalls.

When Sapir went out of office, Patt decided that it was a good time to improve his academic knowledge: He spent several years at New York University, majoring in economics and doing business administration as a minor. While in the U.S.A., he was very active in Z.O.A. In 1967 Sapir entered the broad coalition formed by Levi Eshkol as Minister of Commerce and Industry; he called Patt back into his service as his assistant.

In 1968, Patt was elected to the Knesset, and has been an MK ever since. During the Eighth Knesset, he was a member of the Finance, Economic and Interior Committees. In 1968, he had become an adviser to a group of investors who formed a cold storage business. He resigned from the post as soon as he was sworn in as a member of the Government.

His activities in New York were not confined to getting a degree and running Z.O.A. he also got married, to an American. Fortunately, she fell in love with Israel as soon as they came here. They live in Sayvion, and have three sons, one due to go into the Army in November.

Patt is not the least bit apologetic about living in Sayvion. "I believe that it has helped many Anglo-Saxon families, or mixed families, to remain in Israel," he says. "As a matter of fact, we have eight American families coming to Sayvion now, with our personal encouragement, to try their luck. I think they'll make it."

These young people in such a short time. Some of them came to me in really desperate circumstances. One boy arrived here in the dead of winter, dressed in rags, and hungry. He literally had nothing, and for a long time was ashamed to take clothes from me. Another had spent his whole life in the streets. The father had abandoned the family, and the mother went into a mental hospital. Now these boys are on their way to productive lives."

I talked to a number of the students, and found them all enthusiastic about the programme. A year ago, I was hanging around the streets of Kiryat Shmona, says Uzi. "Now I am about to finish this programme and go on to a pre-engineering course. I feel a completely different person." Uzi adds: "I plan to stay in Kiryat Shmona, and help develop this area. I want to make a contribution where it is most needed."

Says Moti Edri of Nazareth Illit, "I thought I was condemned to 'black work' all my life. Now I have learned I have a technical talent that can be developed. I am grateful to this programme." Ya'acov Resnick of Ashdod says, "I now plan to go on and learn psychology. It's something I always wanted to do, but never expected to happen."

Yitzhak Ya'acobi believes that the project has made an important contribution to Kiryat Shmona. "The citizens of the town appreciate the scheme. We need young people to help create local leadership here. I am optimistic that life will get better in Kiryat Shmona."

Ya'acobi wants to play a part in that future. "I'm 71 now, but working with these young people has made me feel much younger. A man must renew himself to keep from rusting."

Retiring to a new life in Kiryat Shmona

To help turn his dream into reality, Ya'acobi has run a nonstop campaign to raise money from public and private sources. "After 44 years as a journalist, I have a few connections," acknowledges Ya'acobi, and he has received large contributions from a number of sources. But most crucial were the decisions of the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Education and Culture jointly to sponsor and support the school. (Classes are held on the nearby campus of Tel Hai regional college).

The students pay no tuition fee and are given money to pay for food, as well as IL200 a month pocket money. They are housed in former slum buildings in Kiryat Shmona, which they helped to clean and fix up. Says Ya'acobi, "I managed to get beds and gas burners from the Jewish Agency. Lack of space has forced us to house three students in each tiny flat of 40 square metres. We hope to build new dormitories if the money can be found."

Despite the problems, the first group of 30, which graduated in March 1976, succeeded beautifully, with many receiving 100 per cent on their examinations. The second group, which will graduate in a few months, has also done outstanding work. "They are incredibly motivated," says Ya'acobi. "It is fantastic to watch the change in

Unique yeshiva community draws ex-hippies and student rebels

By MORDECHAI ERANN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE ANSWER they have found may not suit many others, but a growing number of former hippies, New Left activists and student rebels of Jewish origin have ended their search for truth or for their identity in a unique yeshiva.

Some of them took things a step further, and decided to build around their yeshiva a community based on their new way of life, combining the study of Judaism and the Torah with religiously-oriented economic efforts.

The yeshiva, Ohr Sameyach, was established in Jerusalem by a group of young American Rabbis who immigrated to Israel a few years ago. The further step, the community, is being established in Givat Ada, a small village east of Binyamina.

At first, the idea was merely to establish another branch of the yeshiva, which had grown rapidly. Rabbi Nota Schiller, one of the founders and its executive head, asked Uzi Narkis, head of the Jewish Agency's Immigration and Absorption Department, for assistance regarding a location. Narkis responded with a suggestion that Ohr Sameyach take over an absorption centre that had been built for Russian immigrants in Givat Ada, and had stood empty since Russian immigration slowed down.

The stories of how many of these students came to Ohr Sameyach, are so unusual as to seem exaggerated. But on meeting the students one cannot but be impressed.

For example, a student leader from Florida, who led a revolt when his mentor, a visiting professor of architecture from Europe was dismissed by his university, reached Israel after several months aboard a yacht in which he sailed from Florida in the company of non-Jews. He had no Jewish background to speak of, beyond knowing he was born Jewish, and when he began to work as an architect in Tel Aviv in a secular setting, he was disappointed with Israel, and returned to the U.S.

Once back there, however, he became involved with the national Council of Synagogue Youth, and



Teaching a Givat Ada boy

later returned to Ohr Sameyach as a student. Later he married a former American school teacher who had also no Jewish background but had become interested and joined a women's yeshiva. The two became part of the pioneer group that went to Givat Ada.

Then there is a former medical student who gave up medicine for the study of Torah; a former graduate student at Harvard in developmental psychology; a former opera student from a well-known conservatory; former actors, artists and just plain ex-hippies.

Generally, those who went to Givat Ada were students who had spent some time in the yeshiva in Jerusalem. However, the Torah Institute they established in Givat Ada soon began to draw its own students as well. At present, there are more than 20 couples and some 30 single students living in the former absorption centre.

They spend most of their time studying, each at his own level. Some are already able to teach others. In the same study hall one can see a group learning how to read Hebrew, while another group tackles the Talmud. These students, whose upbringing included nothing Jewish beyond, at most, a meaningless Bar Mitzva ceremony, are known as Ba'alei Teshuva ("who have returned in repentance").

Whether in the yeshiva in Jerusalem but especially in Givat Ada, where they are building their families, these students live on meagre stipends. They are in the process of establishing enterprises for self-support, and have begun to put up a workshop to produce tefillin (prayer shawls), making the bannings and straps. Recently, some of the students have begun to study the scribbles of art in order to write the parchment scrolls for mezuzot, tefillin and, eventually, perhaps full Torah scrolls. Some are eyeing the possibilities of farming, and others are thinking of ways to put to use other skills they have learned.

Meanwhile, an enterprise they established more out of interest and a desire to carry a message than for profit, is their musical ensemble. With their varied repertoire, which combines modern folk and country rock with religious music, and audience participation, their band and singers are in growing demand by schools and settlements in the area.



Student making tefillin

It is difficult to pinpoint the method used to draw students to the yeshiva, or the qualities which aid in this. In many cases, someone connected with the institution simply approaches a stranger who visits the Western Wall out of curiosity, and invites him to sample the study of Judaism, with the argument that he has so far rejected something linked to his birth roots without knowing anything about it. In other instances, "seekers" are attracted by being offered an opportunity to spend a Sabbath as guests of an observant family.

One of the things which attest most strongly to the special qualities of Ohr Sameyach is its ability to retain a growing number of students who start out by merely paying a visit. Another is the success it has had with finding patrons abroad to aid it financially. One such patron, a veteran New York attorney who played a role in aiding the Hagana in pre-statehood days, has helped the yeshiva to obtain an estate outside New York City, in order to establish a linking branch there. A Canadian couple, Joseph and Faye Tsamenbaum, have played a major role in helping build the two branches in Israel, which were named in their honour.

Unexpectedly, the establishment of the Institute in Givat Ada has been well received by the generally secular local residents, many of whom have begun to participate sporadically in the activities. The neighbourhood children, on the other hand, have found it much easier to become involved with the newcomers. This begins with sports and games, but leads gradually into mutual study sessions, with the children helping the grown-up students to learn Hebrew, and in turn being introduced to Torah studies. There appears to be no conflict whatsoever with the veteran inhabitants whom one might have expected to fear the orthodox "intrusion" into their village.

One Saraguch, then, is just another yeshiva, for it has created a framework in which students can find kindred spirits and continue to study Torah while building a community. The success it has met with in Givat Ada so far has encouraged its people to think in terms of turning this single project into a method. They are now thinking of establishing similar communities in the making in other locations.

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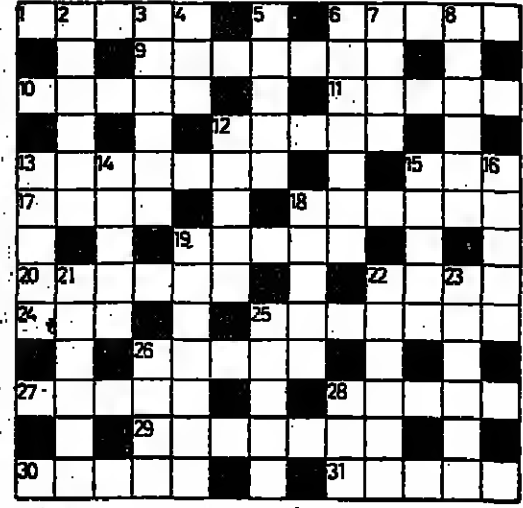
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TEL AVIV STOCKS

Hectic market

TEL AVIV. — Investors and speculators alike threw all caution to the winds yesterday and bid up share prices in hectic trading. Turnover exceeded IL45m. and was symptomatic of a "there is no tomorrow" attitude currently prevailing on the exchange.

In fact the trading volume would have been considerably more substantial, had there not been so many shares which were automatically hiked in price by the mandatory five per cent when there is an imbalance between buyers and sellers. In these situations the price rises, but no shares actually change hands. Mortgage banks continued to lead the parade and the sector was marked by price rises that a few months ago would have been considered impossible.

Otsar Le'asaya was most active as the shares rose by a full 10 per cent to 290. The Development and Mortgage Bank shares galloped ahead by almost 15 per cent to 590. General Mortgage Bank was 24 ahead at 430, while Tefahot did not trade in the opening round as it was "buyers only". By the time the final gong had sounded, the shares were 85 points at 765, for a 12.5 per cent overall gain. The story behind Tefahot's behaviour is that the Government will be selling its share in the bank. It is rumored that offers received for the Government shares are considerably in excess of the current market price.

Following the same reasoning Agricultural Bank shares were "buyers only" and were fixed at 234. Shilun was the same route and was marked up to 215.

The demand for the Mortgage Bank issues spilled over into the variables which is an indication that there is still excess demand for this type of shares.

Among insurance company shares Sabar (R) jumped by almost 15 per cent and closed at 890, which was 10 points under its high for the session. In the wake of Aryeh's announcement of a 140 per cent cash dividend on its preferred shares, the stock was four per cent higher at 1040.

DOLLAR-LINKED DEBENTURES

6% Dead Sea	b	1700	1705
5% Dead Sea Junior	b	388	393
6% Electric Corp. B	r	388	393

PURCHASE IN DOLLARS

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C. of L. LINKED (principal and interest)

Absorp. 1987 (1)	b	818	819
Absorp. 1987 (2)	b	832	832
BL 1988 (41)	b	384	384.5
BL 1989 (41)	b	296	296
BL 1988 8.5% (66)	b	421	422
BL 1989 8.5% (91)	b	351	344

OPTIONALS

Dev. 296	b	446.5	445
Dev. 313	b	362	363
Dev. 4% (3001)	b	300.5	302.5

CONVERTIBLES

10% IDB	b	170	170
1% Leumi (18)	b	218	218
10% Leumi (18)	b	218	218

10% Disk

10% Disk	b	261	261
10% Disk, Inv. (72)	b	178	178

BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Otsar Hityashuv	r	382	380
LD.B. Bankholding	r	536	536
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Union "A"	r	498	491
Discount "A"	r	574	578
United Mizrahi	b	219	219
Hapoalim	b	245	245
Leumi "A"	b	296	296
Gen. Mortgage	b	430	436
Dev. & Mortgage	b	350	355
Housing Mfg.	b	307	302
Tefahot 8% pref.	b	730	690
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Ind. & Dev. 8% pref.	r	210	200
Aryeh	r	1040	—
Hasaneh Insurance	b	909	815
Sahar — "C"	b	1075	1075

REAL ESTATE, LAND DEVELOPMENT AND CITIBUS

Asorim	r	181	178
Africa Israel IL10	r	1120	1030
Ar: Land Dev.	r	332	326

WALL STREET

ASA Ltd.	19%	Fair Cam	25%	Mobil	82%
Am Motors	4%	Fort	10%	Monanto	68
Amco T & T	8%	Gen Dynam	18%	Occ Pet	43%
Amco High	10%	Gen Foods	8%	Pan Am	24%
Avco	16%	Gen Motors	6%	Phil Pet	31%
Avon	45%	Gen Tel	30%	Polard	30%
Bell How	20%	Gen Tire	26%	RCA corp.	29%
Best St	17%	Gen Oil	13%	Royal Ditch	24%
Boeing	34%	Grace	20%	Sears Ro	28
Brief My	33	Gulf West	20%	Singer	24
Burroughs	60%	Honywell	51	Sony	8%
CBS Inc.	60%	Int Paper	37%	Sperry Rand	34%
Chesapeake	87%	LTV	45%	Telcord	37%
Chrysler	18%	Lincoln	35%	Texas	24%
Coca Cola	30	Lookheed	17	Texas Ins	90%
Com Ed	29%	Macy	30	TWA	9%
Crown Zell	35%	Modon-Doug	24	Twent Cent	22
Curtis W	17%	Merr Lynch	18%	U.S. Steel	35
Dow Chem	31%	Minn MM	90%	West Union	19%
Dupont	118%			Woolworth	21%
East KDK	60%			Xerox	50%
Exxon	51%			Zenith	21%

Hour before closing, July 28.

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Strange arms policy

REPORTS of the Carter administration's intention to supply over \$100 million worth of modern weapons to Egypt highlights the basic inconsistencies and irrationalities of America's arms policy in the Middle East.

It is said that the weapons to Egypt are needed to ensure U.S. leverage with Sadat in the unfolding scenario of the drive for a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute. Reference is also made to the hoped for Egyptian role in stemming Soviet penetration into northern and eastern Africa, of which Egypt's frictions with Libya this week is but the latest example.

Even from an Israeli point of view there is something to be said for a policy which may embroil Egypt in Africa.

But weapons ostensibly intended against Soviet-dominated Libya, or the Horn of Africa, will in all likelihood undergo the nasty transmigration of firing against Israel in any future war. And the U.S. is certainly not interested in that. We have already had the experience of French Mirage fighter planes, sold to Gaddafi with the French word of honour that they would never be used against Israel, making their appearance on the Suez front in 1975.

Even more serious is the continued outpouring of American weaponry into the bottomless barrel of oil-rich Saudi Arabia, which has bought many billions of dollars worth of American arms in recent years. The basic irrationality of American arms policy is apparent here, too.

Arms to Saudi Arabia are intended largely for the defence of that country and its oil riches. These are centred largely in the Persian Gulf area, where Iran, which is being armed just as munificently by the same U.S., is considered a threat by Saudi Arabia. Saudi weapons are, of course, also intended for a joint Arab arsenal, to be used one day against America's ally in the Middle East, Israel.

The greatest inconsistency of them all is the connection between the continued arming of the Arab countries and the cause of peace which the Carter administration has espoused.

If Mr. Vance has seen fit to criticize Mr. Begin's *pro forma* legalization of three existing settlements on the West Bank as being detrimental to the process of peace, what is one to say of America's determination to go on arming Egypt, Saudi, and possibly Jordan less than three months before Geneva II?

Bus vs car

BUS FARES have gone up, and uniformly on the whole — though Egged would have liked it differently.

They wanted smaller fare increases on lines where they face competition (mainly from the sherut taxis), and larger increases where they hold a virtual monopoly. The Transport Ministry rightly rejected this as inequitable.

The 25 per cent increase in ticket prices will reduce the Government's outlay on subsidies by IL400m. a year, which is part of the Finance Minister's budget-cutting plan. But the remaining subsidy is still about IL1,100m. or more (in nominal terms) than the figure of IL950m. listed in the original Estimates for 1977/78, as tabled in the Knesset by Mr. Ehrlich's predecessor.

Before yesterday's fare adjustment, cost inflation had widened the bus cooperatives' deficit to IL1.5b., which meant that for every pound laid out by the passenger, the taxpayer was adding 80 agorot. The subsidy figure will now be 80 ag. per pound — which is still high.

All this same, this is the most sensible subsidy there is. Subsidized foodstuffs are consumed by all members of the community, including the two-car families. Subsidies to bus fares are enjoyed for the most part by no-car families, which is more reasonable. One of the purposes of economic policy should be to promote, with the aid of such fiscal measures, the use of public transport, while discouraging the use of private cars which are ten times as costly per passenger-mile.

The good work done by the subsidy to bus fares, however, is undone to some extent by another subsidy, partly government-financed, which is enjoyed by an appreciable part of the car-owning sector.

A large percentage of private cars on the road are used by persons whose expenses are covered by the Government in one form or another. Every time the price of petrol is pushed up, so is the car allowance. Such persons are therefore in large measure immune to efforts by the public authority to make them use their cars less.

Taxation of the car allowance, introduced after the Ben-Shahar tax reform, makes a dent in this linked benefit. But some of the beneficiaries get a bigger allowance than they spend (at least on official travel).

Not much more can now be done to penalize them. The strike of agricultural instructors not so long ago indicates that some of the travel at least is genuinely done on business.

The best solution is to tighten the purse-strings, as Ehrlich has started to do, so that offices and institutions will not have so much cash to spare, at least not for the less essential journeys of their car-owning employees.

Urgent Appeal

An esteemed activist and Jerusalem Community worker has just died. He devoted most of his life to helping others. In great modesty, he supported hundreds of poor and needy families, widows and orphans, helped many hundreds of brides and grooms to enter holy matrimony, helped them set up house, and acted as a constant support.

His sudden passing has plunged dozens of families into financial straits. He also left enormous debts amounting to HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, amounts which he obtained as loans and which he distributed as charity, intending to repay the loans at later dates, when they became due.

In view of this sad situation, we consider it correct to make an urgent general appeal, and request substantial contributions for this holy purpose.

May all who contribute receive a divine reward.

Rabbi Shlomo Yosef Zevin
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Head, Jerusalem Rabbinate
Rabbi Shalom Israel
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MONEY AND/OR POWER?

"What's good for General Motors is good for America." Charles E. Wilson, Secretary of Defence in the first Eisenhower administration.

IT SEEMS many eons since the day in the early '50s when Charlie Wilson, the outgoing president of General Motors, expressed disbelief at actually being asked to divest himself of his GM stock in order to qualify for a cabinet.

The blessed memory of Charlie Wilson was brought to mind this week by the angry comment of Yigael Hurvitz, our new Minister of Industry, Commerce and Tourism, that he would prefer to quit his hard-earned post as a cabinet minister rather than deny his family the well-deserved fruits of his labours as an industrialist.

Mr. Hurvitz, a son of Nahalal, a stronghold of the old Mafapei-affiliated moshav movement, and a member of moshav Kfar Warburg, is also owner of the Tenne-Noga dairies, the Adnir ice-cream factory and other concerns, one of the new millionnaires thrown up by the Sapir era.

Mr. Hurvitz' anger was directed at demands, spearheaded in a campaign mounted by Mapam but also being voiced within the Likud, that ministers who found themselves in a possible conflict-of-interest situation as a result of their new political posts should be required to divest themselves of the private interests that might give rise to that situation.

Mr. Hurvitz' problem, that he is both an owner of a fair-sized industrial empire and the minister in charge of the formulation and implementation of the Government's policy of industrial development and support, is clear. So is that of Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon, who is the owner of what is, for Israel, an extraordinarily large private farm of several thousand dunams.

Minister of Defence Ezer Weizman, who was the majority stockholder in an industrial plant also working on defence orders and the owner of several companies im-

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porting defence components, is reported to have divested himself of these holdings upon assuming office. Mr. Hurvitz has decided to sell his holdings to his son, and Mr. Sharon is reported to have transferred formal ownership and management of his farm to his wife.

THE MAPAM campaign has attempted to convey the impression that the problem of conflict-of-interest at the cabinet level is a new one, resulting from the entry into office of a right-wing party personally led by nouveau riche capitalists. While there is some element of truth in that picture, it is vastly oversimplified.

The problem deriving from the mixing of rich men and politics did not exist in Israel's early years, because she was blessed with an almost total absence of that subgenus of humanity, the few rich men who lived in Israel tended not to waste their time or energy on politics, but concentrated instead on becoming richer.

The traditional Labour Party (or Mapai) attitude of the early and mid-1960s was best expressed by the forced resignation from the Knesset of the head of the party's Knesset faction, the lawyer Yacov Shimon Shapiro.

Mr. Shapiro was the owner of worthless stock in the Heletz oilfields which turned him into a relatively rich man, in terms of 1955 Israel, with the first gusher. His party, still ostensibly socialist at the time, felt that it would be unseemly, to say the least, that such a man should continue to represent it in the Knesset.

Ten years later, Mr. Shapiro, certainly no poorer than he was in the 1950s, was named minister of justice in the Eshkol cabinet, a post in which he continued under Mrs. Meir until 1974. In the Rabin government he

government but the manner in which it is resolved may have profound effects on our political culture, writes YOSEF GOELL.



Yigael Hurvitz
Ministry, Israel Sun

was replaced by Haim Zadok who came into the same category of rich advocates.

In neither case was any objection raised in the party, and Mr. Zadok was even spoken of as a possible candidate for the premiership.

THE PROBLEM, thus, is not entirely new. What is new is the sheer number of well-to-do men in the Likud cabinet and the growing perception, undoubtedly sharpened by the Alignment Opposition, that the possibility of conflict-of-interest situations has reached a level requiring urgent attention.

Some of the ministers involved applied to the attorney-general for guidance, and Hurvitz' and Sharon's hurt and angry statements should be understood against the background of the reports that Prof. Saraf did not take kindly to the proposed disposition of these two cases.

READERS' LETTERS

WHERE TO STUDY JUDAISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Reporter Arthur Kemelman ("Life Without Dialogue" — July 13) challenges the religious sector of the population to teach Judaism to and to create a dialogue with secular Jews.

The challenge is being met even before it was made. The teaching of Judaism in a non-political, non-factional, and non-condescending manner has been done for years by a number of organizations. A small and incomplete list of these organizations follows:

- (1) Shiloah, a lecture service of religious university people, professionals, educators and rabbis, ready to teach subjects on Judaism to any group that invites them. P.O.B. 2388, Ramat Gan. Booklet available upon request. Includes English-speaking lecturers.
- (2) Universita Amorit, among others, offers courses in Judaic studies. Sponsored by the Department for Adult Education of the Ministry of Education of the Tel Aviv Municipality, Kikar Macheil Yisrael. Booklet available upon request.
- (3) Annuet Zoi Homod Sukkot Lecture Series, sponsored by the Department of Torah Culture of the Ministry of Education, Jerusalem. Booklet available upon request.
- (4) and (5) Ihud Shivot Zion Community Centre in conjunction with Machon Meir

sponsor more than 20 classes in Bible, elementary, intermediate, and advanced Talmud; Midrash; Jewish thought; the richest variety of courses in Judaism in the Greater Tel Aviv Area. Rehov Ben Yehuda 86, Tel. 220528/220447.

(6) Et Hamekorot, a complete network of classes in Judaism, P.O.B. 363, Bnei Brak.

(7) Eshet Hoyit, evening classes in Judaism for women. Rehov Yonah, 20, Bnei Brak.

(8) Mo'aleh, individual instruction in Jewish thought and practices, geared to the specific needs and interests of the interested student. Rehov Shiloah, Tel Aviv, Tel. 228233; also Rehov Rabbi Yosef 6, Bnei Brak, Tel. 780862.

Jerusalem is especially rich in institutions for adult Jewish education (with numerous English-speaking facilities): Dvor Yerushalayim, Or Shalom, Mechoon Meir, Mechoon Shefa, Pe'elim; the list would be exhausting.

Let us not forget Geshet for teenagers.

Is it fair, then, to characterize religious Jewry as defensive, self-protective, failing to take the initiative?

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AMERICAN SUPPORT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I am really shocked by The Jerusalem Post's recent petty and disturbing commentary on the U.S. approach to peace in the Middle East.

The American people championed your cause in the creation of Israel. The United States was the first government to recognize Israel as a new state. The American people have been your closest friend and have never turned away from your side in a moment of real need over the intervening three decades of your brave and endless struggle. Out of our sweat and toil, we have provided to your well-being and security on a scale without precedent in history. Last year, the American people paid out of pocket over \$700 for every man, woman and child in Israel; also a similar amount is in the programme for this year.

There can be no question regarding the American people's ultimate moral and political responsibilities to any move that would jeopardize Israel's security. However, this stated commitment cannot really have a sincere meaning, as long as the Israeli people aspire to the status quo as a fair and just Middle East peace settlement. To have anything less than a balanced, stabilized peace in the Middle East in today's turbulent world is unthinkable to the American people.

Time is clearly running out on Israel's side if a Middle East peace settlement is not brought forth soon. She cannot indefinitely withstand the internal drains of 36 per cent of her GNP committed to defence inflation

running at 36 per cent, and a \$3 billion trade deficit. This suggests why emigration exceeds immigration and 60 per cent of the Jews permitted to leave the Soviet Union end up in the United States, Canada and France; not to mention the actual and potential wealth of the Arab League States.

In view of the aforesaid, we come, thus, to the inescapable question: unless Israel is prepared to sit down at the conference table and start eye-to-eye negotiations with the Arab League states, how much longer should the American people be expected to continue to pour billions in assistance to Israel to support policies that impede progress toward a Middle East Peace?

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In response to a comment about the lack of help from fellow Catholics made on arrival in Israel by one of the Vietnamese refugees, there appeared in the July 18 issue a letter from the representative in Israel of the Catholic Relief Service. This letter ignores the point made by Le Dinh Quy, the refugee in question.

There are a number of sovereign countries throughout the world which may correctly be called 'Catholic' in the sense that the majority of people in them, including government leaders, are members of that faith and their cultures are heavily imbued with Catholic doctrine, including, of course, Catholic ethics. Not one of these countries offered asylum to a well publicized group of refugees in search of freedom.

There are yet other countries, not predominantly Catholic, but in which the Catholic Church has a great deal of influence, both direct and indirect, due to the large number of Catholics in their populations and the existence of political parties and social movements deriving their values and programmes from Catholic doctrine. None of these countries offered asylum to these 86 refugees.

Yet let us not overdo patting ourselves on the back, too self-satisfied to remember that many thousands of our own brethren, the Falashas, have been as wilfully disregarded by Israel as those ships ignored by the Vietnamese refugees.

The encouragement and aid needed to bring the Falashas here should be given absolute priority, lest it be too late. Shutting our eyes to the peril in which our brethren find themselves would be the most wicked repudiation of the Law of Return, which is the ultimate raison d'être of the Jewish State.

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attitude of some of its members. • Despite the temptation to admit that the entire issue is exceedingly complex, some specific cases undeniably stand out starkly. While there are certainly pros and cons in regard to the question of whether men in the situation of Messrs. Hurvitz and Ariel Sharon should serve in the cabinet while continuing to maintain their industrial and commercial interests. Selling out constituted the sort of clear-cut choice that must be demanded of men who have reached the pinnacle of public service.

If there is any meaning to the term conflict-of-interest, it is perfectly exemplified in cases in which the ministers responsible for land and water policy or industrial policy are also the potential beneficiaries of their own decisions. Conveying formal ownership to wife or sons is a subterfuge unworthy of the public figures involved.

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